



## U.S., Mexico tentatively set to replace NAFTA with new deal

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Snubbing Canada, the Trump administration reached a preliminary deal Monday with Mexico to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement — a move that raised legal questions and threatened to disrupt the operations of companies that do business across the three-country trade bloc. President Donald Trump suggested that he might leave Canada, America's No. 2 trading partner, out of a new agreement. He said he wanted to call the revamped trade pact "the United States-Mexico Trade Agreement" because, in his view, NAFTA had earned a reputation as being harmful to American workers.

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United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, left, and Mexican Secretary of Economy Ildefonso Guajardo, right, walk to the White House on Monday August 27, 2018.

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# APNewsBreak: Nation's top student loan official resigns

BY KEN SWEET

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The government's top official overseeing the \$1.5 trillion student loan market resigned in protest on Monday, citing what he says is the White House's open hostility toward protecting the nation's millions of student loan borrowers.

Seth Frotman will be stepping down as student loan ombudsman at the end of the week, according to his resignation letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press. He held that position since 2016, but has been with Consumer Financial Protection Bureau since its inception in 2011.

Frotman is the latest high-level departure from the CFPB since Mick Mulvaney, President Donald Trump's budget director, took over in late November. But Frotman's departure is especially noteworthy, since his non-partisan office is one of the few parts of the U.S. government that was tasked with handling student loan issues.

The office was at the center of the lawsuits against for-profit colleges like Corinthian Colleges and is currently heading up a lawsuit between the CFPB and Navient, one of the nation's largest student lenders. The Navient lawsuit has been



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mired in bureaucratic red tape as the Department of Education, headed by Betsy DeVos, has been unwilling to help the CFPB with their lawsuit. Since its creation, the student loan office has returned \$750 million to harmed borrowers. "You have used the bureau to serve the wishes of the most powerful financial companies in America," Frotman wrote, addressing his letter to Mulvaney. "The damage you have done to the bureau betrays these families and sacrifices the financial futures of millions

of Americans in communities across the country."

Congress created the student loan ombudsman office when it established the CFPB, citing a need for a go-to person to handle student loan complaints nationwide. One previous occupant of that position is Rohit Chopra, who was appointed by President Trump to be a commissioner at the Federal Trade Commission.

The ombudsman's office is quite powerful, able to work with the bureau's enforcement staff to target

bad behavior in the student loan market as well as act as a voice inside the government on behalf of student loan borrowers. The office processed tens of thousands of complaints from student loan borrowers and was among the first major government offices to raise alarms about the growing issue of students being unable to afford repaying their loans.

But despite its work, Mulvaney downgraded the mission of Frotman's student loan office earlier this summer and moved it un-

der the umbrella of consumer education instead of enforcement. While at the time Mulvaney's office said it was a minor organizational shake-up, consumer advocates saw the change as a move to downplay the CFPB's mission when it came to student loans.

The student loan office is not alone. Under Mulvaney, the bureau has scaled back its enforcement work and has proposed revising or rescinding all of the rules and regulations it put into place under the Obama administration.

"Seth Frotman is a public servant who treated every student loan complaint with the seriousness it deserved," said Debbie Goldstein, executive vice president at the Center for Responsible Lending. "His departure raises concerns about the priorities of Mulvaney and CFPB leadership and whether they are fulfilling the mission of the CFPB to focus on protecting consumers from financial abuse."

In a statement, a CFPB spokesman said it does not "comment on specific personnel matters" but also said "we hope that all of our departing employees find fulfillment in other pursuits and we thank them for their service." □

## Judge in 9/11 case at Guantanamo retires from military



In this July 7, 2005 file photo, U.S. Army military judge Col. James L. Pohl arrives for a pretrial hearing at Fort Hood, Texas.

Associated Press

By BEN FOX

**MIAMI (AP)** — The slow-moving Sept. 11 war-crimes case at Guantanamo has outlasted the judge.

Army Col. James Pohl announced his retirement from the military on Monday, ending a career that culminated with his presid-

ing over the military commission trial of five prisoners at the U.S. base in Cuba accused of planning and aiding the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Pohl has presided over the case since the May 2012 arraignment and the ensuing years of pre-trial hearings. No trial date has been set in the death-penalty case. He was also the judge in an earlier version of the commission under President George W. Bush that was halted before trial as well as other major military cases, including the court-martial resulting from the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

The Guantanamo military

commission is considered one of the most complex criminal proceedings in U.S. history, set in a courtroom encased in sound-proof glass that is designed to prevent inadvertent disclosures of classified evidence with a 40-second delay of sound.

It has bogged down in pre-trial hearings largely due to battles over what evidence can be used against men held in clandestine CIA detention facilities and subjected to intense interrogations and other treatment now widely considered to amount to torture.

"He has always been a very patient judge," said James Connell, the court-appointed

attorney for one of the defendants, Ammar al-Baluchi. "He always listened to both sides and he often gave rulings that both sides were unhappy with."

The other defendants include Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, who has portrayed himself as the architect of the Sept. 11 attack and other plots, and they could get the death penalty if convicted, another factor that has caused the proceedings to be drawn out for years. The charges include terrorism and nearly 3,000 counts of murder in violation of the laws of war for helping to plan and providing the logistical support to the plot. □





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## NAFTA

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But first, he said, he would give Canada a chance to get back in — "if they'd like to negotiate fairly." To intensify the pressure on Ottawa to agree to his terms, the president threatened to impose new taxes on Canadian auto imports.

Canada's NAFTA negotiator, Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, is cutting short a trip to Europe to fly to Washington on Tuesday to try to restart talks.

"We will only sign a new NAFTA that is good for Canada and good for the middle class," said Adam Austen, a spokesman for Freeland, adding that "Canada's signature is required."

"There is still a great deal of uncertainty —.. trepidation, nervousness — a feeling that we are on the outside looking in," said Peter MacKay, a former Canadian minister of justice, defense and foreign affairs who is now a partner at the law firm Baker McKenzie.

Critics denounced the prospect of cutting Canada out a North American trade pact, in part because of the risks it could pose for companies involved in international trade. Many manufacturers have built complex but vital supply chains that cross all three NAFTA borders.

Trump was quick to proclaim victory, though, pointing to Monday's surge in stock prices, which was fueled in part by the apparent breakthrough with Mexico.

"We just signed a trade agreement with Mexico, and it's a terrific agreement for everybody," the president said. "It's an agreement that a lot of people said couldn't be done."

Trump has frequently condemned the 24-year-old NAFTA trade pact as a job-killing "disaster" for Ameri-

can workers. NAFTA reduced most trade barriers between the three countries. But the president and other critics say it encouraged U.S. manufacturers to move south of the border to exploit low-wage Mexican labor.

The preliminary deal with Mexico might encourage more manufacturing in the United States. Yet it is far from final. Even after being formally signed, it would have to be ratified by lawmakers in each country.

The U.S. Congress wouldn't vote on it until next year — after November midterm elections that could end Republican control of the House of Representatives.

"There are still a lot of questions left to be answered," MacKay said. He noted, for example, that Trump said nothing Monday about dropping U.S. tariffs on Mexican or Canadian steel — tariffs that were imposed, in part, to pressure those countries to reach an agreement on NAFTA.

But at least initially, it looks like at least a tentative public-relations victory for Trump, the week after his former campaign manager was convicted on financial crimes and his former personal attorney implicated him in hush money payments to two women who say they had affairs with Trump.

Before the administration began negotiating a new NAFTA a year ago, it notified Congress that it was beginning talks with Canada and Mexico. So Monday's announcement raises the question: Is it authorized to reach a deal with only one of those countries?

A senior administration official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said yes: The administration can tell Congress it had reached a deal with Mexico — and that Canada is welcome to join.

But other analysts said the answer wasn't clear: "It's a question that has never been tested," said Lori Wallach, director of the left-leaning Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch.

Even a key Trump ally, Rep. Kevin Brady, the Texas Republican who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, expressed caution about Monday's apparent breakthrough. Brady said he looked forward "to carefully analyzing the details and consulting in the weeks ahead to determine whether the new proposal meets the trade priorities set out by Congress."

And the No. 2 Senate Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, while hailing Monday's news as a "positive step," said Canada needs to be party to a final deal.

"A trilateral agreement is the best path forward," Cornyn said, adding that millions of jobs were at stake. And there are political reasons to keep Canada inside the regional bloc: "Mexico will have a difficult time selling 'Trump's deal' back home if Canada does not think it is a good deal," said Daniel Ujcz, a trade attorney with Dickinson Wright PLLC. "It will appear that Mexico caved." Indeed, Mexico has said it wants Canada included in a deal to replace NAFTA. But Foreign Minister Luis Videgaray told reporters that "Mexico will have a free trade agreement regardless of the outcome" of U.S.-Canada negotiations.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative said Monday that Mexico had agreed to ensure that 75 percent of automotive content be produced within the trade bloc (up from a current 62.5 percent) to receive duty-free benefits and that 40 percent to 45 percent be made by workers earning at least \$16 an



hour. Those changes are meant to encourage more auto production in the United States.

For months, the talks were held up by the Trump administration's insistence on a "sunset clause": A renegotiated NAFTA would end after five years unless all three countries agreed to continue it. Mexico and Canada considered that proposal a deal-killer.

On Monday, the Trump administration and Mexico announced a compromise on that divisive issue: An overhauled NAFTA would remain in force for 16 years. After six years, the countries would review the agreement and decide whether it needed to be updated or changed. They then would either agree to a new 16-year deal or the pact would expire. □

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# Under pressure, Trump tersely recognizes McCain, lowers flag

By CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Glowing in public and near-silent for two days, President Donald Trump relented under pressure on Monday by tersely recognizing Sen. John McCain's "service to our country" and re-lowering the White House flag.

While much of the nation remembered McCain's record as a war hero, long-time senator and presidential nominee over the weekend, Trump had nursed his grievances. McCain had been an infuriating foil in a long-running feud over style and policy that did not end with the senator's illness and death. Trump's reluctance to participate in the national remembrance was awkward and uncomfortable, even by the standards of a leader who acknowledges he doesn't act like a typical president. The episode highlighted the outsider president's impulse to harbor personal resentments regardless of political repercussions.

Before Trump's Monday afternoon statement, his only commentary on McCain's death had been a perfunctory tweet on Saturday. The lack of a formal statement — combined with the fact that White House flags were flown at half-staff only briefly — drew strong criticism from Republicans and veterans' groups as well as Democrats. When he finally did comment, in a printed statement, Trump was sparing



The American flag flies at half-staff at the Capitol in honor of Sen. John McCain of Arizona who died Saturday of brain cancer, in Washington, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

Associated Press

with his praise for the six-term senator: "Despite our differences on policy and politics, I respect Senator John McCain's service to our country." Later, at an evening dinner honoring evangelical leaders, he said "our hearts and prayers" are going to the family "and we very much appreciate everything that Senator McCain has done for our country."

Earlier in the day, a stone-faced Trump sat mute as reporters at several photo sessions invited him to comment on McCain. As he was peppered with questions about McCain's legacy, the usually talkative president made no response. Publicly, Trump has frequently

railed against McCain's dramatic thumbs-down vote against the president's efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law. Privately, he has groused about such slights as his belief that McCain did not appreciate his endorsement in the senator's 2016 re-election bid. McCain, for his part, recently slammed Trump's Helsinki meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin as "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

Against that backdrop, the flag above the White House spoke volumes. The Stars and Stripes were briefly lowered to half-staff over the weekend, then went back up to full height on Monday while flags at the U.S. Capitol and elsewhere stayed at half-staff. Shortly before Trump issued his written statement, the flag was lowered again to half-staff.

That was after complaints had risen all day from both right and left, and then from a group the president assuredly does not want to offend.

"On the behalf of The American Legion's two million wartime veterans, I strongly urge you to make an appropriate presidential

proclamation noting Senator McCain's death and legacy of service to our nation, and that our nation's flag be half-staffed through his internment," said a statement directed to him from Denise Rohan, the organization's national commander. While the president's statement sought to defuse the controversy, the upcoming weeklong celebration of McCain's life is likely to bring new awkwardness. Former presidents will speak at McCain's funeral on Saturday, but the senator's family made clear they did not want Trump to attend.

Trump said he had asked Vice President Mike Pence to speak at a ceremony honoring McCain at the Capitol on Friday and that other administration officials would attend memorial services. He also said he'd agreed to the McCain family's request for military transportation of the senator's remains from Arizona to Washington. Burial will be Sunday at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

In death, McCain himself had more to say. In a final letter released Monday, McCain appeared to repudiate Trump's politics one last time, saying: "We weaken our greatness when we

confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries that have sown resentment and hatred and violence in all the corners of the globe."

Republican Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma allowed that McCain "was partially to blame" for the rift with Trump, saying: "He was very outspoken that he disagreed with the president in certain areas and wasn't too courteous about it."

As Newsmax CEO Chris Ruddy, a Trump friend, put it, "I think there's a lot of hard feelings on both sides."

Just a few weeks ago the president signed into law a defense bill named in honor of the senator without a single mention of his name. Back in 2015, McCain had gotten under then-candidate Trump's skin by saying he had "fired up the crazies" at a rally in Phoenix. Trump later told a crowd in Iowa that McCain was only a war hero "because he was captured. I like people who weren't captured."

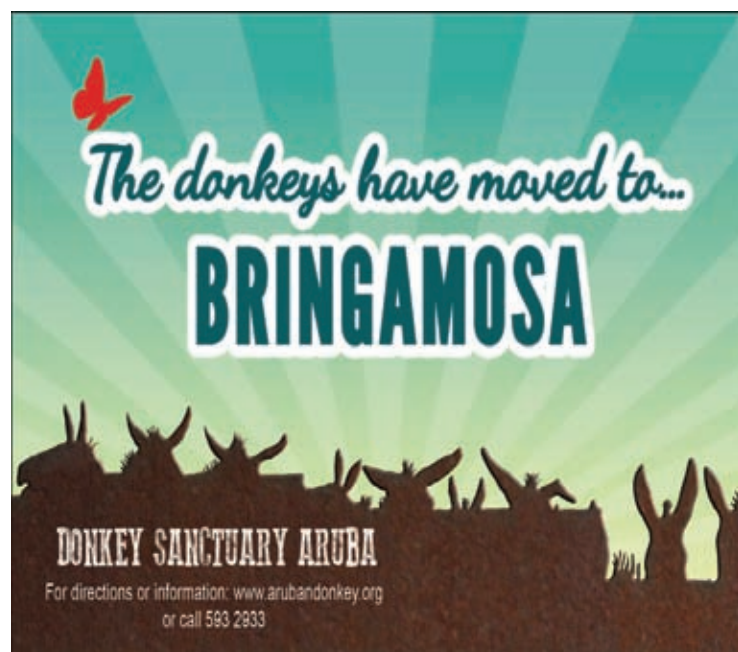
McCain said Trump owed veterans an apology for that, but he continued to back the celebrity businessman as the Republican nominee. He later withdrew his support after the release of the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape in which Trump bragged about groping women.

After Trump took office, McCain established himself as a leading critic, opposing Trump's immigration-limiting order, warning him against coziness with Moscow and lecturing him on the illegality of torture.

Friction increased earlier this year after word surfaced that a West Wing aide had been dismissive of McCain during a closed-door meeting. The aide told colleagues they should disregard McCain's opposition to Trump's CIA nominee because "he's dying anyway."

In death, McCain attempted a last word in his farewell letter.

"Do not despair of our present difficulties," he wrote. "But believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here." □







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## Judge blocks online plans for printing untraceable 3D guns

By MARTHA BELLISLE  
Associated Press

A U.S. judge in Seattle blocked the Trump administration Monday from allowing a Texas company to post online plans for making untraceable 3D guns, agreeing with 19 states and the District of Columbia that such access to the plastic guns would pose a security risk.

The states sued to stop an agreement that the government had reached with Austin, Texas-based Defense Distributed, saying guidelines on how to print undetectable plastic guns could be acquired by felons or terrorists.

U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik extended a temporary restraining order, and his new decision will last until the case is resolved. He said Cody Wilson, owner of Defense Distributed, wanted to post the plans online so that citizens can arm themselves without having to deal with licenses, serial numbers and registrations. Wilson has said that "governments should live in fear of their citizenry."

"It is the untraceable and undetectable nature of these small firearms that poses a unique danger," Lasnik said. "Promising to detect the undetectable while at the same time removing a significant regulatory hurdle to the proliferation of these weapons — both domestically and

internationally — rings hollow and in no way ameliorates, much less avoids, the harms that are likely to befall the states if an injunction is not issued."

The State Department had reached the settlement with the company after the agency removed the 3D gun-making plans from a list of weapons or technical data that cannot be exported overseas.

The states argued that the federal agency didn't follow the law when it removed 3D guns from the munitions list.

They said the government was supposed to notify Congress and provide a 30-day window before making a change to that list, but it did not.

Lasnik criticized the government for switching its position on the threat posed by the 3D gun-making plans.

Up until April, the government argued the distribution of the guidelines "posed a threat to world peace and the security and foreign policy of the United States," the judge said.

Despite those fears, the government decided that it only needed to restrict the international availability of firearms up to .50 caliber. That's when they reached a settlement with the 3D gun company.

There was no indication the government evaluated the unique characteristics



In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Cody Wilson, with Defense Distributed, holds a 3D-printed gun called the Liberator at his shop in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

of the plastic guns when it considered deleting that category of weapons from the prohibited list, the judge said.

"Nor is there any reasoned explanation for its change in position," Lasnik said.

The federal government didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on the judge's ruling.

A lawyer with the U.S. Justice Department had argued against the injunction, saying possessing 3D plastic guns is already against the law, and the federal government is committed to enforcing that law.

But the judge said it wasn't enough.

"While the court appreciates the earnestness with which this commitment was made at oral argument, it

is of small comfort to know that, once an undetectable firearm has been used to kill a citizen of Delaware or Rhode Island or Vermont, the federal government will seek to prosecute a weapons charge in federal court while the state pursues a murder conviction in state court," Lasnik said.

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson praised the ruling.

"Once again, I'm glad we put a stop to this dangerous policy," Ferguson said. "But I have to ask a simple question: why is the Trump administration working so hard to allow these untraceable, undetectable 3D-printed guns to be available to domestic abusers, felons and terrorists?"

The Brady Campaign to

Prevent Gun Violence, a pro-gun control group that has aggressively fought the online release of the gun plans, praised the judge's ruling "as a tremendous victory for the American public."

Avery Gardiner, co-president of the group, said 3D-printed guns "represent a supreme threat to our safety and security, and we are grateful that Judge Lasnik recognized it as such."

The states suing are Washington, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. □



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## Hotel security in Vegas, elsewhere hasn't earned U.S. backing

By REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Stadiums, corporate buildings and other facilities that draw crowds have strengthened their security since 9/11, and in return, they have earned U.S. protections in the event their efforts fail to prevent a terrorist attack and they are sued. But hotels have not received the same safeguards.

Las Vegas' world-famous casino-resorts have long been known to be of interest to terrorists, but the constant flow of people may pose a challenge to earning liability protections under a little-known federal law, an expert said. For the first time, the law is at the center of a legal battle after MGM Resorts International invoked it to sue hundreds of victims of the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history to avoid paying out for lawsuits.

The law was enacted in 2002 to urge development and use of anti-terrorism technologies by providing companies a way to limit liability if their federally vetted and approved products or services don't prevent an attack. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has certified hundreds of security systems, software and equipment, ranging from unarmed guards at shopping malls to flight deck doors.

A publicly available database of all federally approved security technologies does not list hospitality companies. Homeland Security does not disclose what companies have sought approvals and were



In this Oct. 3, 2017, file photo, windows of a room are broken after a high-stakes gambler opened fire on a concert below in a mass shooting from the Mandalay Bay resort and casino in Las Vegas. Associated Press

denied.

The Associated Press asked four of the largest casino operators — MGM Resorts International, Caesars Entertainment, Wynn Resorts and Las Vegas Sands — whether they have applied for certifications. Only MGM offered a general comment.

"MGM Resorts' security teams work closely with federal, state and local law enforcement and we follow FBI and DHS standards and training for a variety of situations, including terrorism," spokeswoman Debra DeShong said in a statement. "When necessary to engage contract security vendors, we seek out the best security services available for the given event and location."

A high-stakes gambler opened fire from the windows of a room at MGM's Mandalay Bay casino-

resort last year, killing 58 people at a concert whose contractor-provided security was federally certified. Casino operators interested in earning federal approvals would have to show the government that security at their properties not only seeks out gambling cheaters but also signs of terrorism, said attorney Brian Finch, who has helped dozens of clients get their systems certified. He said companies can delineate what part of their property they want to get certified, whether it is only the casino floor, hotel tower or convention center.

"A lot of those cameras are anti-theft and anti-cheating," Finch said. "What they would have to show is that those cameras are equally useful for terrorist threats, such as identifying knife fights or someone trying to put something on their ven-

tilation system."

Not every hotel may qualify for federal approvals, Finch said, but high-profile properties may be eligible given the efforts companies make to protect their assets and guests. The challenge faced by the hospitality industry is that unlike at a concert venue, people are constantly coming and going, he said.

Casino security experts told the AP that security personnel at Las Vegas casino-resorts already look for signs of terrorism, not just gambling-related issues, and work closely with authorities to identify best practices. The security chiefs of virtually all the large casino operators also meet regularly. "It really doesn't matter what the crime is, whether it is terrorism or somebody who is looking to rob a guest or burglarize a hotel room, that's what they are looking

for," said Robert Gardner, a security and crime prevention adviser. "And there are common indicators to all of those. What it boils down to is things and activities that look out of place."

Getting security systems federally approved is free, but the process is stringent. Finch said he often tells prospective applicants that their technologies are not ready.

Companies are able to seek the approval for only some of their properties.

For example, Brookfield Office Properties Inc., a commercial real estate company with properties across North America, has held a certification since 2013 for a set of policies and procedures to deter, delay and mitigate terrorist activity at the World Financial Center shopping and office building complex in New York. In recent years, stadiums nationwide have been seeking U.S. sign-off. Little Caesars Arena in Detroit and Citi Field in New York are among the most recent approvals.

Contemporary Services Corp., which provides security services across the U.S., including at Super Bowls, was responsible for MGM's outdoor concert venue on the Las Vegas Strip where the victims were shot Oct. 1.

Less than six months before, a set of CSC's "enhanced, customer-driven activities, including physical security, access control and crowd management" were certified by Homeland Security. Now, MGM is using that certification to argue that it has no liability to survivors or families of slain victims. □





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## Shooting killed gamers seeking money for college, family

By RUSS BYNUM

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)

— A California man who played video games to earn money for college and a West Virginian whose e-sports winnings helped support his young family were slain at a Florida tournament where a gunman specifically targeted fellow gamers, authorities said Monday.

David Katz, 24, of Baltimore fatally shot himself after killing the two men and wounding 10 others Sunday inside a pizzeria and bar that were hosting a "Madden NFL 19" tournament. Katz was among about 130 gamers attending the competition at a mall in Jacksonville.

Court records in Maryland reviewed by The Associated Press show Katz had previously been hospitalized for mental illness. Divorce filings from his parents say that as an adolescent he was twice hospitalized in psychiatric facilities and was prescribed antipsychotic and antidepressant medications.

Katz carried two handguns, including one equipped with a laser sight, into the tournament venue but only fired one of them, Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams told a news conference Monday. He said surveillance video revealed Katz was the only shooter, but his motive remains unknown.

"The suspect clearly targeted other gamers who were in the back room" of the pizzeria, Williams said. "The suspect walked past patrons who were in other parts of the business and

focused his attention on the gamers."

Investigators determined Katz bought both guns in Baltimore within the past month. But Williams said there's no indication he planned the shooting before Sunday.

The sheriff had previously said nine people were wounded by gunfire, but told reporters Monday the total was 10. All of them, he said, were expected to recover.

The sheriff's office identified the dead as 22-year-old Elijah Clayton of Woodland Hills, California, and 28-year-old Taylor Robertson of Giles, West Virginia. Clayton's parents and other relatives gathered outside police headquarters Monday in Jacksonville to give a brief statement. A cousin, Brandi Pettijohn, said the family was "devastated by yet another senseless act of gun violence." She said Clayton was a good, peaceful man who never had a fistfight.

"He loved football, and out of all the videogames he could play, he settled on and mastered 'Madden,'" Pettijohn said. "He made a good living gaming, and he saved his earnings so he could afford to go to college to continue his education."

Robertson, who used the gamer tag "Spotmeplzz," won the Madden Classic tournament in 2016. In a YouTube interview published by EA Sports, Robertson said he had played Madden NFL since he was 10 and started playing competitively a few years

ago.

"It's certainly possible for any player to do this," Robertson said in the video. "You've just got to put in the time. You've got to grind. You've got to play a lot of games and just working on getting better."

Fellow gamers described Robertson as a family man dedicated to his wife and children.

Gamer Derek Jones, who lost to Robertson in the 2016 tournament, said his one-time rival was "one of the nicest people I ever met."

"There's no way that guy did anything to deserve to get shot," said Jones, who traveled to the Florida tournament from Santa Fe, New Mexico. "He's got a family at home, and he just came out here to try to win some money for this family."

Gamer Shay Kivlen of Seattle said he met Clayton, whose gamer tag was Trueboy, about five years ago. They bonded because both of them played games on a Playstation 4 — which put them at odds with many gamers who prefer Microsoft's Xbox.

The two friends would chat daily online and see each other about six times a year at gaming tournaments. About a week before the Florida shootings, Kivlen said, he was visiting San Diego and Clayton drove 2 1/2 hours in rush hour traffic to meet him.

"He was one of the kindest people, most genuine guys I've ever met," said Kivlen, 21. "He was super real, and that's what I loved about him. If he was happy, you knew he was happy. He



Family members of victims of Sunday's mass shooting speak at a press conference Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in Jacksonville, Fla. Associated Press

wore his emotions on his sleeve." Kivlen and Jones said they barely knew Katz, who seemed to avoid conversation with fellow players during tournaments. Katz's gameplay was often erratic, Kivlen said.

"He would do kind of weird stuff online that other people wouldn't do. He would catch a ball and just start jumping out of bounds and stuff when he could have gotten more yards, just hurting himself," Kivlen said. "I don't know what he was doing." Kivlen, who said he had once beaten Katz for a coveted spot in a tournament, heard secondhand from a friend that Katz was asking for his whereabouts shortly before the shooting. After losing his single-elimination game Sunday, Kivlen said, he left to take a nap at his hotel about 20 minutes before the attack. He was watching a live stream of the tournament online when the gunfire erupted.

A friend hiding in a bath-

room at the venue answered his phone. When he said Kivlen may have been a target, Kivlen called police and an officer was sent to his hotel room for about 90 minutes until they received word that the gunman was dead.

"It just doesn't make sense why he would do it," Kivlen said. "In 'Madden,' you never get so mad at a loss that you would want to do that." □





# UN team: Myanmar military chiefs should face 'genocide' case

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Investigators working for the U.N.'s top human rights body said Monday that Myanmar military leaders should be prosecuted for genocide against Rohingya Muslims, taking the unusual step of identifying by name six of those it says were behind systematic crimes targeting the ethnic minority.

The call, accompanying a first report by the team of investigators, amounts to some of the strongest language yet from U.N. officials who have denounced alleged human rights violations in Myanmar since a bloody crackdown began last August.

The three-member "fact-finding mission" and their team, working under a mandate from the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council, meticulously assembled hundreds of accounts from expatriate Rohingya, as well as satellite footage and other information to assemble the report. "The military's contempt for human life, dignity and freedom — for international law in general — should be a cause of concern for the entire population of Myanmar, and to the international community as a whole," said fact-finding mission chair Marzuki Darusman, a former Indonesian attorney-general, at a news conference.

The council created the mission in March last year — nearly six months before a string of deadly rebel attacks on security and police posts set off a crackdown that drove Rohingya to flee into neighboring Bangladesh.

The U.N. estimates that more than 700,000 have fled.

The team compiled accounts of crimes including gang rape, the torching of hundreds of villages, enslavement, and killings of children — some before their eyes of their own parents. The team was not granted access to Myanmar and has decried a lack of cooperation or even response from the govern-



Rohingya children stand next to a bamboo fence overlooking an expanse of makeshift bamboo and tarp shelters at Kutupalong refugee camp, in Bangladesh, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

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ment, which received an early copy of the report.

The team cited a "conservative" estimate from aid group Reporters Without Borders that some 10,000 people were killed in the violence, but outside investigators have had no access to the affected regions — making a precise accounting elusive, if not impossible.

Above all, the investigators said the situation in Myanmar should be referred to the International Criminal Court, and if not, to a special tribunal. Last week, Myanmar's government rejected any cooperation with the ICC, to which it is not a party.

China, a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council with veto power over whether the issue will be brought before the ICC, has been reticent about condemning Myanmar's government during the crisis.

U.N. leaders, foreign government officials, and human rights watchers have for months cited evidence of genocide in Myanmar, and the United States late last year said that "ethnic cleansing" was occurring in Myanmar. But few experts have studied the issue as in-depth, and in such an official way, as the fact-finding mission with a mandate from the 46-nation council.

The United Nations does not apply the word "genocide" lightly. The team's assessment suggests the crimes against the Rohingya could meet the strict legal definition, used to highlight and condemn state-supported abuses in places like Bosnia, Rwanda and Sudan's Darfur region.

Human rights watchers say that determining "genocidal intent" is perhaps the most difficult criteria to meet: In essence, it's the task of assessing the mindsets of perpetrators to determine if ethnicity, race, religion or another attribute had motivated them.

"The crimes in Rakhine state, and the manner in which they were perpetrated, are similar in nature, gravity and scope to those that have allowed genocidal intent to be established in other contexts," the report said, alluding to a region of Myanmar that is home for many Rohingya.

Adding into their assessment: The extreme brutality of the crimes; "hate rhetoric" and specific speech by perpetrators and military commanders; policies of exclusion against Rohingya people; an "oppressive context;" and the "level of organization indicating a plan for destruction."

The investigators cited six Myanmar military leaders as "priority subjects" for pos-

sible prosecution, including Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing. A longer list of names is to be kept in the office of the U.N. human rights chief for possible use in future judicial proceedings. The United States and European Union have already slapped sanctions on some Myanmar military leaders, though Min Aung Hlaing is not among them. "The main perpetrator, the people that we want the spotlight on, is the Tatmadaw," said mission member Radhika Coomaraswamy, a Sri Lankan former U.N. undersecretary-general, referring to Myanmar's military.

Christopher Sidoti, an Australian human rights expert, acknowledged that no "smoking gun" linked the six military leaders directly to orders to carry out genocide, but pointed to inferences of their role based on a strict chain of command in Myanmar.

They called for the creation of a special body, or "mechanism," to keep watch on the still-evolving human rights situation in Myanmar. They said the United Nations' own role in the country since 2011 should be reviewed to see if the world body did all it could to prevent such a crisis.

They also faulted Aung San Suu Kyi for not using her

role as head of Myanmar's government, nor her "moral authority" — she is a Nobel peace prize laureate — to stop the events in embattled Rakhine state.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is scheduled to give a briefing Tuesday during a Security Council commemoration of the anniversary of the violent crackdown on the Rohingya. Guterres also has described what happened in Myanmar as ethnic cleansing.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters Monday that Guterres urged all U.N. bodies and the international community to seriously consider the experts' report recommendations. The determination of whether "a genocide" occurred must be made by "an international judicial body," Dujarric said.

"The secretary-general has for a long time underscored the violations of human rights in Myanmar" and stressed "that accountability is essential for genuine reconciliation," he said.

Forum-Asia, an advocacy group, called the report "significant" and said the United Nations needed to heed its call.

"If the U.N. fails to adequately address these findings it will be a monumental failure for the world body, which has already been criticized for not doing enough," said R. Iniyang Ilango, U.N. advocacy program manager for the group.

Praise also came from the ground in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where refugee camps have taken in hundreds of thousands of Rohingya from across the border.

"We are happy for this. If these army people are punished the world will take note of it. They are killers. They must be punished," said Mohammed Hasan, 46, who lives in the Kutupalong refugee camp.

"They killed thousands, we have seen that. They torched our homes. That's a fact. They raped our women. That's not false," he said. □



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# Egypt's opposition calls for release of ex-diplomat

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — An Egyptian opposition coalition of secular and left-leaning parties has urged authorities on Monday to immediately release a former diplomat who earlier this month called for a referendum on President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government.

Masoum Marzouk, a veteran of the 1973 war against Israel who served in the Egyptian army's special forces, was arrested along with other activists on Thursday. They were ordered to remain in custody for 15 days pending an investigation into terror-related charges.

The Civil Democratic Movement coalition said Monday in a press conference that the arrests were "part of the government crack-down to silence opposition voices."

The coalition also called for the release of other activists who were arrested on Thursday along with Marzouk, including Raied Salama, an economist from Marzouk's group and Yehia al-Qazzaz, a geology professor who recently called for el-Sissi's ouster on his Facebook page, writing "resistance is the solution." Mohammed Anwar Sadat, nephew of Egypt's late



In this July 29, 2018 file photo, provided by Egypt's state news agency MENA, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, speaks during a youth conference in Cairo, Egypt.

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leader Anwar Sadat, said in the press conference that it is time for "a genuine political reform... for the president and the state to listen" to the opposition. Opposition leader Hamdeen Sabahi meanwhile called for a political change. "We believe that this regime must be changed. This is a failed power. This is a repressive power ... which violated and insulted the constitu-

tion," he said in the press conference. The coalition dismissed what it said is "a defamation and inciting campaign" by state-run and pro-government media since Marzouk proposed his roadmap for a political transition earlier this month. Pro-government media in the past weeks lashed out at the former diplomat and his associates, labelling them "traitors." They also

claimed the detainees cooperated with the banned Muslim Brotherhood group, which the government designated as a terrorist group in 2013 after the military overthrow of an elected but divisive Islamist president. Khaled Dawoud, leader of the liberal al-Doustour party, denied that he had made any contact with the Muslim Brotherhood. "We are parties which believe in the

January revolution (that toppled long-time autocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011) and its second wave in June 30 (2013). There is no basis (that we had) a dialogue with the Brotherhood," he said.

Dawoud said the opposition faces "a systematic distortion campaign ... and we are denied of any communication with any local media."

Earlier this month, Marzouk had called for a referendum and proposed a political roadmap if Egyptians voted against the government. The transition would have included the suspension of the constitution, the termination of the current presidential term and the dissolution of parliament, which is packed with el-Sissi supporters. Marzouk said if the government rejected his proposal he would hold a "popular conference" in Tahrir Square — epicenter of the 2011 uprising — on Aug. 31.

El-Sissi was re-elected for a second four-year term in March after all serious challengers were either arrested or pressured into quitting the race. He led the 2013 military ouster of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi following mass protests against his divisive yearlong rule. □



# Sacrilegious spies: Russians tried hacking Orthodox clergy

By RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — The Russian hackers indicted by the U.S. special prosecutor last month have spent years trying to steal the private correspondence of some of the world's most senior Orthodox Christian figures, The Associated Press has found, illustrating the high stakes as Kiev and Moscow wrestle over the religious future of Ukraine.

The targets included top aides to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, who often is described as the first among equals of the world's Eastern Orthodox Christian leaders.

The Istanbul-based patriarch is currently mulling whether to accept a Ukrainian bid to tear that country's church from its association with Russia, a potential split fueled by the armed conflict between Ukrainian military forces and Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

The AP's evidence comes from a hit list of 4,700 email addresses supplied last year by Secureworks, a subsidiary of Dell Technologies.

The AP has been mining the data for months, uncovering how a group of Russian hackers widely known as Fancy Bear tried to break into the emails of U.S. Democrats, defense contractors, intelligence workers, international journalists and even American military wives. In July, as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election, a U.S. grand jury identified 12 Russian intelligence agents as being behind the group's hack-and-leak assault against Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

The targeting of high-profile religious figures demonstrates the wide net cast by the cyberspies.

Patriarch Bartholomew claims the exclusive right to grant a "Tomos of Autocephaly," or full ecclesiastic independence, sought by the Ukrainians. It would be a momentous step, split-



In this May 4, 2004 file photo, a full moon rises above the golden domes of the Orthodox Monastery of the Caves in Kiev, Ukraine.

Associated Press

ting the world's largest Eastern Orthodox denomination and severely eroding the power and prestige of the Moscow Patriarchate, which has positioned itself as a leading player within the global Orthodox community.

Ukraine is lobbying hard for a religious divorce from Russia and some observers say the issue could be decided as soon as next month.

"If something like this will take place on their doorstep, it would be a huge blow to the claims of Moscow's transnational role," said Vasilios Makrides, a specialist in Orthodox Christianity at the University of Erfurt in Germany. "It's something I don't think they will accept."

The Kremlin is scrambling to help Moscow's Patriarch Kirill retain his traditional role as the head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and "the more they know, the better it is for them," Makrides said.

The Russian Orthodox Church said it had no information about the hacking and declined comment. Russian officials referred the AP to previous denials by the Kremlin that it has anything to do with Fancy Bear, despite a growing body of evidence to the contrary.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko flew to Istanbul

in April in an effort to convince the patriarch to agree to a split, which he has described as "a matter of our independence and our national security." Moscow's Patriarch Kirill is flying to Turkey later this week in a last-ditch bid to prevent it. Hilarion Alfeyev, Kirill's representative abroad, has warned that granting the Tomos could lead to the biggest Christian schism since 1054, when Catholic and Orthodox believers parted ways.

"If such a thing happens, Orthodox unity will be buried," Alfeyev said.

The issue is an extraordinarily sensitive one for the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Reached by phone, spokesman Nikos-Giorgos Papachristou said: "I don't want to be a part of this story."

Other church officials spoke to the AP about the hacking on condition of anonymity, saying they did not have authorization to speak to the media.

Bartholomew, who is 78, does not use email, those church officials told AP. But his aides do, and the Secureworks list spells out several attempts to crack their Gmail accounts.

Among them were several senior church officials called metropolitans, who are roughly equivalent to archbishops in the Catho-

lic tradition. Those include Bartholomew Samaras, a key confidante of the patriarch; Emmanuel Adamakis, an influential hierarch in the church; and Elpidophoros Lambriniadis, who heads a prestigious seminary on the Turkish island of Halki. All are involved in the Tomos issue; none returned recent AP messages seeking comment.

Spy games have long been a part of the Russian Orthodox world.

The Soviet Union slaughtered tens of thousands of priests in the 1930s, but the Communists later took what survived of the church and brought it under the sway of Russia's secret police, the KGB, with clerics conscripted to spy on congregants and emigres.

The nexus between Russia's intelligence and religious establishments survived the 1991 fall of the Soviet Union and the KGB's reorganization into the FSB, according to Moscow-based political analyst Dmitry Oreshkin.

"Our church leaders are connected to the FSB and their epaulettes stick out from under their habits," Oreshkin said. "They provide Vladimir Putin's policy with an ideological foundation."

That might make one target found by the AP seem curious: The Moscow Patri-

arch's press secretary, Alexander Volkov.

But Orthodox theologian Cyril Hovorun said he wouldn't be surprised to see a Russian group spying on targets close to home, saying, "they're probably checking him out just in case."

Volkov did not return AP emails seeking comment.

Hovorun is unusually qualified to speak on the issue. In 2012 he — like Volkov — was an official within the Moscow Patriarchate. But he resigned after someone leaked emails showing that he secretly supported independence-leaning Ukrainian clergy.

Hovorun has since been targeted by the Russian hackers, according to the data from Secureworks, which uses the name Iron Twilight to refer to the group.

Hovorun said he believes that those who published his emails six years ago weren't related to Fancy Bear, but he noted that their modus operandi — stealing messages and then publishing them selectively — was the same.

"We've known about this tactic before the hacking of the Democrats," Hovorun said, referring to the email disclosures that rocked America's 2016 presidential campaign. "This is a familiar story for us."

The Russian hackers' religious dragnet also extended to the United States and went beyond Orthodox Christians, taking in Muslims, Jews and Catholics whose activities might conceivably be of interest to the Russian government.

John Jillions, the chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, provided the AP with a June 19, 2015, phishing email that Secureworks later confirmed was sent to him by Fancy Bear.

Fancy Bear also went after Ummah, an umbrella group for Ukrainian Muslims; the papal nuncio in Kiev; and an account associated with the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, a Byzantine rite church that accepts the authority of the Vatican, the Secureworks data shows. □





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# Thai police extend probe into bilking of bitcoins from Finn

By KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA  
Associated Press

**BANGKOK (AP)** — Thai authorities this week are expected to step up their investigation of a financial scam involving the alleged theft of about \$25 million worth of bitcoins from a Finnish investor who police say was bilked with promises of high returns from investments in a casino in Macau and in another cryptocurrency.

The case, which surfaced with the arrest in a shopping mall parking lot of a young soap opera actor suspected of colluding with his sister and brother, has prompted Thailand's central bank to warn investors against bitcoin-related scams, underscoring the challenge for regulators trying to keep up with fast-growing cryptocurrency markets.

Police have issued arrest warrants for several other people, including actor Jiratpisit Jaravijit's elder brother, Parinya Jaravijit, who has left the country. Police have indicated they



In this Aug. 10, 2018, photo, actor Jiratpisit Jaravijit, center, is escorted by Thai police officers to leave the Crimes Suppression Division in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

will question more suspects this week. On Monday, they questioned the siblings' parents about money they had received in their bank accounts suspected of having come from the alleged scam. Jiratpisit turned himself in Monday to formally hear fraud charges.

Court documents say the siblings and others are suspected of conspiring to commit fraud and engage in money laundering with 5,564.4 bitcoins — worth

roughly \$25 million at the time — obtained from 22-year-old Finnish investor Aarni Otava Saarimaa.

The police arrest warrant says Saarimaa and a Thai business partner, Chonnikarn Kaewsalee, filed a complaint in January over having not received any return on the promised investment.

Saarimaa did not respond to an emailed request for comment.

According to court documents cited by Thai news-

papers, Parinya Jaravijit and an associate convinced Saarimaa and his partner to transfer their bitcoins to an e-wallet of one of the suspects on several occasions, promising the funds would be invested in a company called Ex-pay Software Co. and in a new cryptocurrency called Dragon Coin. The documents say that the three, along with a prominent local stock investor, were supposed to have formed a partnership.

Instead, the bitcoins were cashed into Thai baht and deposited into 51 bank accounts belonging to seven people, with some of the money used by the Jaravijits to buy land in and near Bangkok, the court documents say.

Police and financial documents showed that in some cases Saarimaa did gain ownership of shares in those companies. But he complained to police that he did not obtain the investments or returns promised to him. The status of the promised investments

in Dragon Coin — cryptocurrency to be used at the casino in Macau — remains unclear.

The Thai government has stepped up efforts this year to control the largely unregulated field of digital currency.

In March, it enacted a decree aimed at imposing controls and stipulating rules on taxation of bitcoin transactions. But experts say there are loopholes and it's been loosely enforced.

Anti-money laundering officials say bitcoin are attractive for scams because encrypted transactions can be hard to trace, although officials have emphasized that this case did not involve that kind of cybercrime. "In every investment, it's very important to understand what type of asset you are investing in and what types of risks are associated with that asset," Veerathai Santiprahob, Thailand's central bank governor, told reporters after the case became public. □

# China leader calls for 'anti-separatism efforts' in Tibet

Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — A top Chinese leader has called for "advancing anti-separatism efforts" in Tibet, in a sign of continued high-pressure tactics in the Himalayan region.

Wang Yang, the ruling Communist Party's No. 4 ranking official, was quoted Monday in state media as stressing the importance of tight control over Tibet's Buddhist institutions, urging "preparedness and precautions for danger in times of safety."

Religious figures must "be courageous to battle all

separatist elements" in the name of preserving national unity and social stability, Wang was quoted as saying in Tibet's regional capital of Lhasa during a visit there on Sunday.

Beijing's forces occupied Tibet shortly after the 1949 communist revolution and security there has been ratcheted up significantly in the decade since anti-government protests spread through Tibetan areas in 2008.

The tactics in Tibet are largely aimed at reducing the influence of the region's spiritual leader, the

Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India. China claims Tibet has been part of its territory for more than seven centuries and regards the Dalai Lama as a dangerous separatist.

Many Tibetans insist they were essentially independent for much of that time. Wang has broad responsibility for religious policy as head of the government's top political advisory body. In his comments Sunday, he also echoed Beijing's calls for the sinicization of religion, shorthand for adherence to the dictates of the officially atheist party. □



In this Sept. 17, 2014, file photo, an Exile Tibetan woman wears mask during protest to highlight Chinese control over Tibet, coinciding with visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping in New Delhi, India.

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# Colombia anti-corruption referendum comes up shy on votes

By **MANUEL RUEDA**

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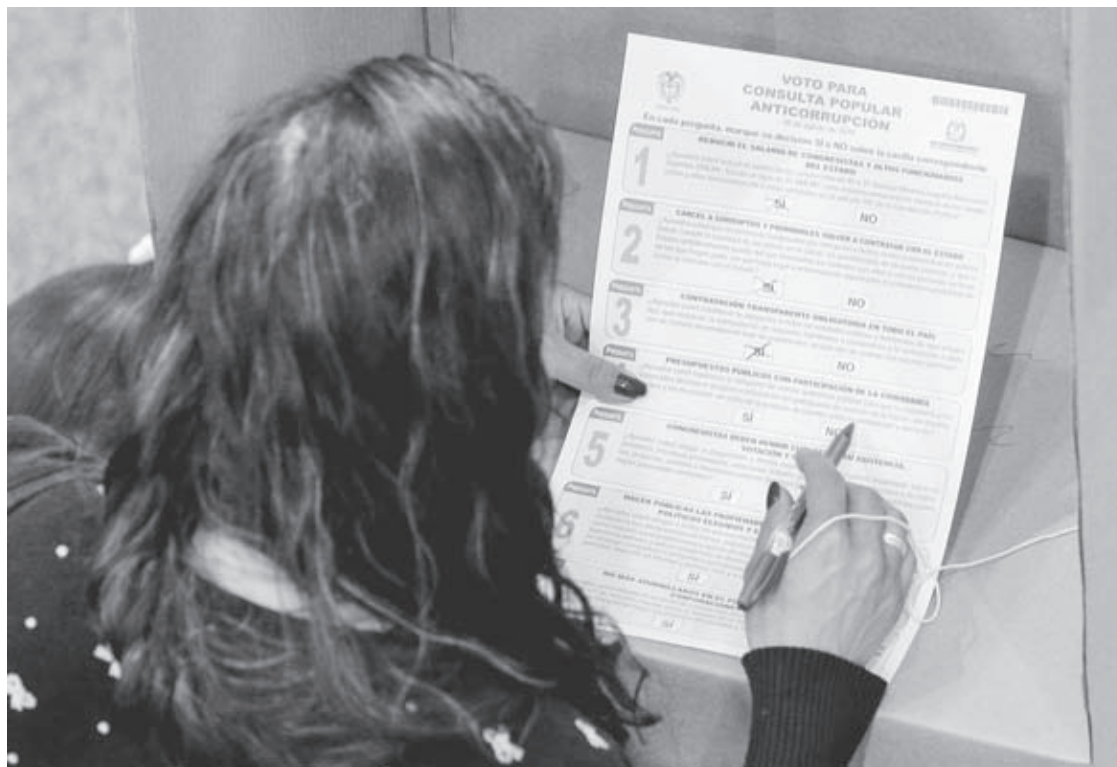
**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— An anti-corruption referendum in Colombia drew millions to the polls Sunday but fell just short of a required participation threshold to push forward measures aimed at improving transparency and stiffening penalties for white-collar criminals.

Nearly 11.7 million Colombians cast ballots overwhelmingly in favor of seven initiatives proposed to stamp out corruption in the upper echelons of power, failing to draw the 12.1 million voters needed to pass the initiatives, according to quick-count results from over 99 percent of polling stations.

Proponents nonetheless hailed the higher-than-expected turnout as a forceful message from citizens: Enact laws now that put an end to special privileges for lawmakers and make public spending more efficient. "This historic vote, this decisive victory by free citizens, gives a clear and strong mandate to the government and congress," said Claudia Lopez, a former senator and vice presidential candidate spearheading the referendum.

The referendum included questions like whether to hand down tougher penalties on corrupt officials who now often serve out sentences in multi-million dollar homes; whether term limits should be imposed on lawmakers, and whether the salaries of members of Congress should be reduced by 40 percent.



In electoral official count ballots after the closing of a nationwide referendum seeking to curb corruption in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018.

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Colombian law currently sets senators' salaries at about \$124,000 per year, more than what parliamentarians make in countries like Holland, Sweden and France.

Most Colombians agree corruption is a plague that needs to be exterminated, but not everyone agreed that a vote was the best way to do so. The referendum was boycotted by judges over fears it would lead to wage cuts in the judicial branch since a law states salaries for top magistrates should be the same as those of lawmakers.

"We already have lots of anti-corruption laws," Hermens Lara, a Bogota municipal judge who is director of the Board of Judges and Magistrates of Colombia, said before the vote.

"The problem is implementing them."

Newly elected President Ivan Duque and most of Colombia's main political parties backed the measure, but did little to promote it or to lure voters to the polls. Some experts questioned whether the changes would do anything to curb corruption elsewhere, such as within the judiciary or police.

"Some of the proposals have no impact on corruption," said Marcela Anzola, a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank. Still she said that passage would "give greater legitimacy to anti-corruption initiatives and send a strong message to politicians."

According to Colombia's inspector general, corrup-

tion in the country is equivalent to 4 percent of gross domestic product each year. One recent study by Transparency International found that 63 percent of companies in Colombia feared losing business if they did not engage in bribery.

That face of corruption in Colombia marks a stark change from the days when cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar was elected to Congress and his rivals in the Cali Cartel helped elect a president. Just a little over a decade ago, scores of congressional members were also charged or investigated for ties to right-wing paramilitary groups.

But today, experts say the biggest threat comes from white-collar criminals.

One example is the ex-

pansion of an oil refinery in Cartagena, which ended up costing more than double its projected \$3.3 billion price tag due to what authorities described as mismanagement and graft by officials who were in cahoots with contractors.

The referendum would have given Colombia's Congress a year to pass legislation implementing the proposals or force Duque to do so by decree. The measures needed approval from 12.1 million voters — or roughly a third of the 36 million registered voters. Turnout in the country's recent presidential election barely reached 50 percent, while a 2016 referendum on a peace deal with leftist rebels to end a half century of fighting barely drew 13 million votes.

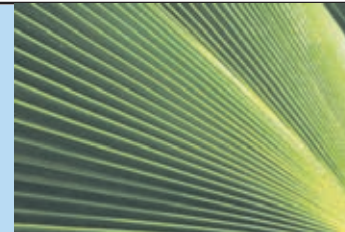
In an address to the nation Sunday evening, Duque urged lawmakers to press forward with reforms even though the final vote tally came up short.

"We consulted society, and society responded: No more corruption," he said. Lopez and her supporters tried to overcome voter apathy with the help of a famous satirist, recording a campaign video that shows Lopez and a handful of middle-aged congressmen dressed up as reggaeton singers who riff that corruption is the "cancer of Colombia" and must be stopped.

"Corrupt politicians will never vote to place limits on themselves," she said. "That's why this referendum is the best tool we have to tackle corruption." □



## LOCAL



## Made in Aruba, Unique Gifts from Local Artisans



**ORANJESTAD** — They are right at the hotels and offer unique, locally manufactured artisan products. Foundation Aruba is organizing an art market that gives you the opportunity to admire and/or purchase some genuine products, all locally produced by local artisans. "This is not your regular souvenir that you may encounter in various Caribbean destinations, this is made in Aruba and only offered here", says

**Wendy Op De Weegh, one of the board members of the foundation.**

Wendy Op De Weegh, Tia Hurkmans and Gabriella Gonzalez are the three board members of Foundation Aruba, all artisans themselves. Wendy: "I started making my own beads of glass and that triggered Tia and Gaby to join. We were friends and we noticed that we needed a platform to present our art.

We were occasionally organizing events at home, but we were looking for more public." That is how the three came to the idea to find more local artisans and encountered a foundation that was in a kind of non-active state. They decided to take over and that is how it all started. "2013 our first organized event happened at Fort Zoutman in Oranjestad with Christmas time. It was a big success and from that time

on it really took off. More and more artisans were engaged and the government also initiated the national seal for artisan products at that time and provided us with a list of artisans that were registered."

### Your Vacation Memory

The aim of the foundation is to engage the artisans that create smaller pieces, locally produced and linked to Aruba. The perfect gift or souvenir. Think of jew-

elry in different materials, art with driftwood, soap and skin care, small paintings and so on. There is the jewelry made of the tail fin of lion fish by Lionfintastic. Lionfish are an invasive species from the Pacific and Indian Ocean, voracious eaters with no known predators. The handmade soap and skin care from olive oil and shea butter by CC Bath & Body is another unique gift as well as the wonderful jewelry made by recycled materials of Miljenou Tromp. Gloria Filiciana creates awesome artisan jewelry from among others genuine Aruban sea glass and what to think of a necklace of driftwood, created by Wise Wood. Turning a discarded material into a unique art craft is what Cemur offers you. But there is much more. You really need to check it out for yourselves as this is your chance to bring home a real piece of Aruba. The best vacation memory or genuine gift. The artisans market is on Mondays at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort between 4.30 and 6.30 PM, at Tuesdays and Thursdays between 6 and 9 PM at the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino and at Fridays between 7 and 10 PM at the Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad. Check their Facebook Foundation ArUBA for more information. □





## Team Dash wins the 10th Aruba International regatta



**ORANJESTAD —** The J35 Dash has won the Aruba International Regatta for the eighth time in-a-row. Some 40 vessels from Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao manned by sailors from as far away as Puerto Rico, the Netherlands and Belgium, participated in the event that was characterized by shifting winds ranging from 15 knots to 30 knots, testing the range of sailing skills of all the competitors.

Dash, formerly from Curaçao but now sailed by the Aruban Eric Mijts and his team, including veteran sailor Anita Aerts, barely made it in Racing Class. Dash finished ahead of his

Curaçao rival J105 Jenk skippered by Captain Remco van Dortmond and the Swan 441R Casse Tete under the command of Captain Edwin Versteegh. Only 28 seconds separated these three boats in the decisive fifth and last race of the regatta.

In the Cruising Class Curaçao won. First place went to Melody with Captain Winfried Merkies, Vejigante, skippered by Pedro Marcucci came all the way from Puerto Rico and won second place, third place went to Aruban captain Arjen Wassenaar and his Gibsea 402 Gitana. In the Open class all winners were

from Aruba: Eric Maris won the races with Robaina, second place was for Rik van der Vaart's self-built John Welsford Pathfinder Vanessa and third was the Yankee 38 Bintang, skippered by Richel Gerfen.

The competition in the Sunfish races was tight as well. Job Laboyrie managed to win a decisive first place in the fourth race, pushing Randy Brown into second place and leaving no hope for a win for Richard van der Wal, who has won this class seven times. The Beach Cats took a beating in the heavy winds of the Aruba International Regatta, seven boats partici-

pated and Aat Hoek and Henk Steenbergen took the winner's cup, followed by junior sailors Jort Hartmans and Matthijs de Kool in second and Diederik Kemmerling and Myrthe de Haan in third. Winners in the Optimist races were Gavin Debevere, Vivian Hankart and Thijn van der Werff. The Qube cup was won by Sam Bonnevalle, followed by Emanuel Simon and Jaysley Kock and the all new F-11 class was won by Angelo Fingal with seven bullets in eight races, followed by Morris Hoveling and Stijn van Dishoeck.

The Aruba International Regatta again received gold status from Sailors for the Sea - Clean Regattas and are living up to that expectation, sustainability officer Anita Aerts set up a number of campaigns to promote and stimulate responsible resource management during the event. Symbolizing this effort, the coveted regatta awards were produced from reclaimed plastics and wood by the Aruban sustainability initiative Brenchie's Lab. No single-use plastics were used during catering and participants and spectators joined in the effort to make the footprint of the regatta as small as possible. As a result, the volunteers charged with beach cleaning following the re-

gatta could devote their attention to other tasks: no trace was left behind. All cans were collected to produce the awards of the 11th Aruba International Regatta.

A surprise during the regatta event was the screening of the shocking documentary Chasing Coral at the University of Aruba, followed by a panel discussion with environmental activists and NGO's. The night concluded with the announcement that Aruba is in the process of developing a further ban on single use plastics, including styrofoam bowl and plates, and a ban on sunscreen lotions containing the harmful oxybenzone.

Regatta organizers Eric Mijts, Anita Aerts and Anthony Hagedoorn can look back on a successful regatta. "The event brings together the sailors of different disciplines, different walks of life and from different places in the world, to celebrate sailing and friendship in a sustainable manner. Special thanks needs to be given to the sponsors who made the event possible, and to the valuable support provided by the Dutch Marines who provided safety and support at sea," the organizers said. □





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## Honoring at Costa Linda Beach Resort



PALM BEACH — Recently, Emely Ridderstaat of Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor a group of Loyal and Friendly visitors of Aruba as Goodwill Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary title is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, Transportation, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba between 10-20 and more consecutive years.

The Honorees are Mr. Ronald & Mrs. Paula Rozan from USA and they have been honored as "Goodwill Ambassadors". They have been coming to Aruba for more than 20 years consecutively and are staying at the Costa Linda Beach Resort. The honorees love Aruba especially for its beautiful weather and its safety.

Emely Ridderstaat together with representatives of Costa Linda presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years.

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## Birds of Aruba



### Brown Pelican

A very large, dark-bodied bird, unmistakable with its long bill and gular pouch. Watch for them sitting on pilings and zooming along the beach in front of your resort. You'll probably see them feeding, too, plunging into the sea from the air, then rising with their pouch full of sea water and, if successful, a fish. Non-breeding plumage shows a white neck, and immatures are all dark with a white belly.



### Troupial

Certainly one of most striking of Aruba's native birds, the Troupial is a large oriole with sharply contrasting bright orange and black pattern, with bright blue around the eye and at the base of the bill. The Troupial's loud, piping song is thrilling to hear. Troupials make stops at some of the resorts to look for food but they often typically don't stay for long. Take a trip to the hills of Arikok National Park to make sure you don't leave the island without a look and a listen to this special bird.

### Blue-tailed Emerald- Blenchi

One of two hummingbird species that occurs regularly on the island, and the most common and widespread of the two. You'll undoubtedly see a few individuals of this species around your resort, frequenting blooming ornamental plantings. A good, close look will reveal a green that is brilliant, almost metallic. Males are all green with a rather short, dark blue tail that often appears black. Females and immature have green backs and whitish under parts.



### Burrowing Owl- Shoco

The Burrowing Owl is a buffy-colored, long-legged owl with large, yellow eyes. This diurnal species can be seen sitting in open areas in small family groups, apparently unphased by the hot afternoon sun. Burrowing Owls are much loved by the native islanders and appear on Aruba's currency and postal stamps. Sadly, their populations seem to have declined greatly.



### Caribbean Parakeet- Prikichi

If we go back 10 years ago, visitors of Aruba could delight at seeing flocks of native, wild parakeets roaming the countryside, sometimes coming near some of the resorts that maintain native vegetation. Unfortunately, this bird has experienced steep declines in recent years, apparently due to introduced boa's. Although efforts are underway to eradicate the snake, such a task is proving difficult. To try and locate Brown-throated Parakeets, listen to their loud, raucous shrieks. The birds may appear green at first glimpse, but a closer view will reveal the beautiful bluish colors in the wings, the yellow under the tail, and the yellowish eye ring. Parakeets from Aruba are described as a distinct subspecies and are drabber than the subspecies from Curaçao and Bonaire, which have brighter yellow on the face and throat.



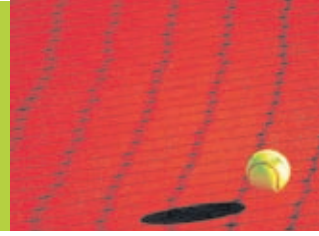
### Bananaquits- Barica Geel

A lively little bird with blackish back and head, white stripe above the eye, and bright yellow belly. Bananaquits may remind visitors from the eastern U.S. of the familiar and beloved backyard bird, the chickadee, which is why we fondly refer to the Bananaquit as the "chickadee of the Caribbean." The locals call them chibichibi (in Dutch, zuiker diefje), and when you hear them, you'll know why. They are common throughout the island including around hotels and if possible, may arrive at your breakfast table to sip juice or sample the jelly or syrup. They can be drawn to the balcony of your room by setting out fresh fruit or juice in a shallow bowl or dish. The buzzy song, repeated all day, soon becomes familiar and delightful background "noise" on Aruba. □





# SPORTS



## AP Sources: PGA plans major changes for revamped FedEx Cup

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP Golf Writer

**PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)** — The PGA Tour is putting the final touches on a revamped FedEx Cup structure that would award a cash bonus to the leading player from the regular season, followed by a new scoring format for the Tour Championship to decide the FedEx Cup champion, The Associated Press has learned.

Five people aware of the discussions say FedEx Cup points will not be involved in the final playoff event at East Lake. Instead, the No. 1 player would start the Tour Championship at 10-under par, with scores to par staggered depending on the 30 players' position in the standings.

The winner will be the FedEx Cup champion, and the bonus is expected to be more than the current \$10 million prize.

That means whoever gets the 30th spot at East Lake would have four rounds to make up as many as 10 shots. The change eliminates the awkward moment — and divided attention — of one player winning the Tour Championship and another winning the FedEx Cup, which happened last year for the second time.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the tour has not publicly announced what they are planning to do, and because there are still loose ends.

One item unsolved is when the regular season would end.

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# 1 AND DONE



## Top-ranked Halep out of U.S. Open in first round

Simona Halep, of Romania, serves to Kaia Kanepi, of Estonia, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in New York.



## FEDEX CUP

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Since the FedEx Cup began in 2007, the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, North Carolina, has been the final regular season tournament for players to finish among the top 125 to retain full PGA Tour status and qualify for the postseason.

What emerged from a Player Advisory Council meeting last week was the possibility of ending the regular season the previous week at the FedEx Invitational, a World Golf Championship in Memphis, Tennessee. The top players in the FedEx Cup typically take a week off before the playoffs instead of playing the Wyndham Championship.

But by ending the season in Greensboro — which one person said is the more likely scenario — there could be a case where a player adds the Wyndham Championship if he has a chance to win the regular season. Two people said the bonus for the regular season would be awarded only to the top three players, with \$3 million going to the leading player.

The larger overhaul involves the conclusion to the FedEx Cup.

Starting next year, the number of playoff events will be reduced from four to three.

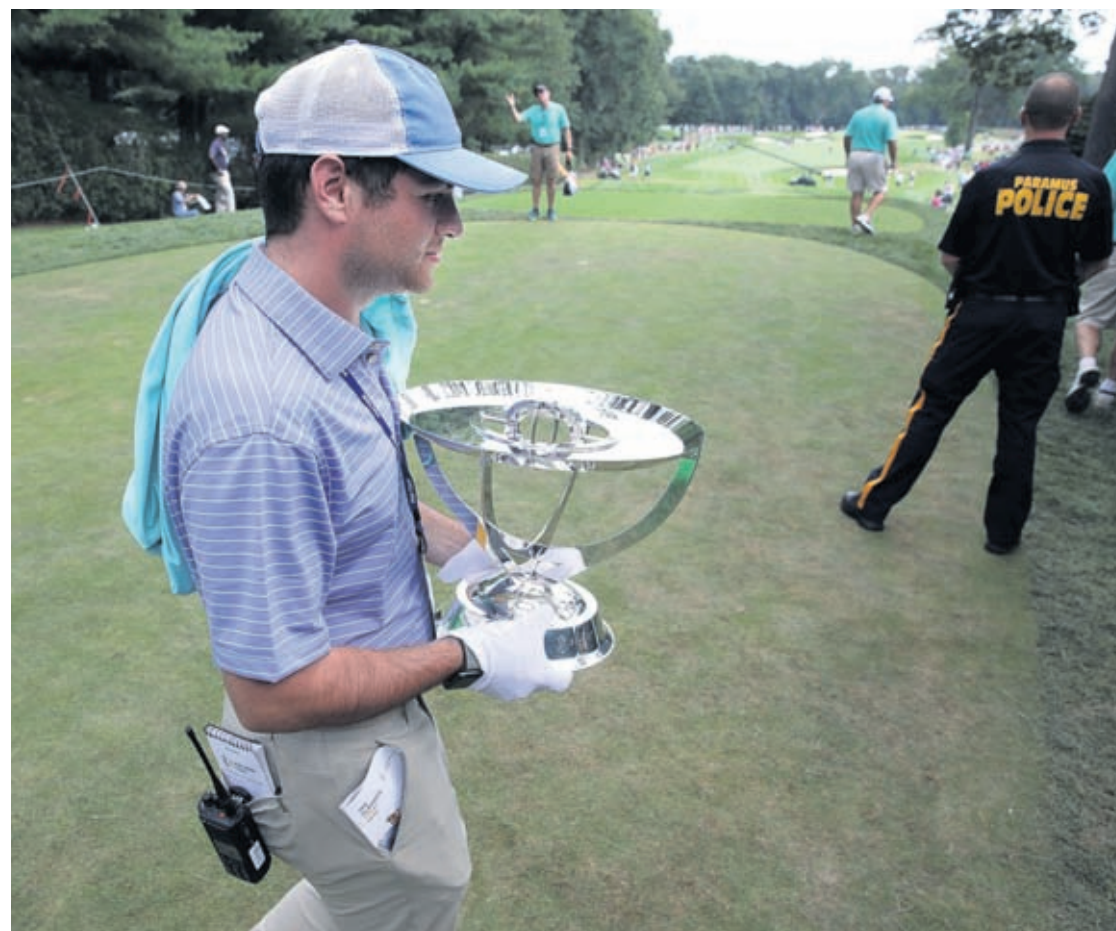
The Northern Trust will rotate each year between Liberty National in Jersey City and the TPC Boston, followed by the BMW Championship and then the Tour Championship. The size of the field is reduced each week until 30 reach East Lake in Atlanta.

For the last 10 seasons, points were reset going into the final event so that all 30 players had a mathematical chance to win the FedEx Cup, and the leading five had a clear shot at the title because they only had to win the Tour Championship.

The problem was splitting attention on two trophies. A year ago, Xander Schauffele won the Tour Championship by one shot over Justin Thomas, who won the FedEx Cup. Thomas said later it was a "weird" moment to lose the tournament and win the \$10 million prize.

"Wasn't my week this week in terms of winning the golf tournament, but it definitely came with a nice consolation prize," Thomas said that day because his mind for the final round was solely on winning the Tour Championship.

The tour hopes the new format, where some players essentially have a head start before a shot is hit —



Zach Rosen carries the winner's trophy from the first tee box during the final round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

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will keep the focus squarely on the FedEx Cup. The winner still gets credit for a victory in the Tour Championship.

It was not clear how the scores would be staggered for the top 30 beyond the leader starting out at 10 under. The better a player finishes in the regular season, the closer he starts to the lead going into the Tour

Championship.

And during four days at East Lake, it will do away with TV projections of points and other distractions.

Two years ago, for example, Dustin Johnson would have won the FedEx Cup if either Ryan Moore or Kevin Chappell had won a three-man playoff with Rory McIlroy, who wound up winning both.

The PGA Tour last year announced a 10-year extension for the title sponsorship of the FedEx Cup, an important deal because it gave the tour's postseason continuity for another decade. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said last year he expects the bonus pool — previously \$35 million with \$10 million for the winner — to increase. □

# Trump praises Tiger Woods, Jim Brown for supporting him

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday praised two African-American athletes after they recently defended him in public.

Trump's public praise comes amid his continued disapproval of NFL players, most of them African-American, who kneel during the national anthem to protest police treatment of black men. It also follows his recent criticism of NBA star LeBron James.

Tiger Woods, a friend and sometime golf partner of Trump, called Sunday for respect for the office of the president.

Asked how he'd respond to people who are intrigued by his "friendly relationship" with Trump, Woods told reporters: "He's the president



Tiger Woods watches his shot on the sixth hole during the final round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

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of the United States and you have to respect the office. And no matter who's in the office, you may like, dislike personality or the politics, but we all must respect the office."

Trump responded Monday by praising Woods and criticizing journalists. "The Fake

News Media worked hard to get Tiger Woods to say something that he didn't want to say. Tiger wouldn't play the game - he is very smart. More importantly, he is playing great golf again!" Trump said on Twitter.

The president also expressed gratitude to former

NFL player Jim Brown, who defended Trump after the Hall of Famer was asked if he is concerned with the message coming from the White House against the league. "I should be criticizing Trump on every level because he does certain things that call for criticism. But when I look at television and I see all of these announcers become experts and they're pointing their fingers, and they're not doing a doggone thing but pointing their fingers, I find myself really pulling for the president," Brown said last week during an appearance on "The JT The Brick Show" on Fox Sports Radio. Brown acknowledged that his comment "will make me very unpopular in the black community, very unpopular with a lot of Americans.

But I think there are certain good things that are coming out of this presidency because we've never seen anything like it."

Trump tweeted Monday: "Thank you to the great @JimBrownNFL32, perhaps the greatest running back of all time, for your wonderful words and support. Since our meeting in New York, African-American UNEMPLOYMENT has reached the LOWEST LEVEL IN HISTORY. You get it!"

The connection between Brown and African-American unemployment was unclear. And, while black unemployment did hit a record low of 5.9 percent in May, the rate has since risen to 6.6 percent in July. Trump and Brown met in New York after the 2016 presidential election. □



# Giants and Beckham Jr agree to 5-year contract extension

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)

— Odell Beckham Jr. of the New York Giants is now the NFL's highest-paid wide receiver.

The Giants on Monday announced they have signed Beckham to a five-year contract extension that will keep the three-time Pro Bowler with the franchise for another six seasons.

"We got him until he's 108," general manager Dave Gettleman quipped. "I never worried whether or not we would get it done. I'm pleased, because the litmus test for a contract is that neither side is ticked off before the ink can dry, and neither side should be ticked off. It's a very fair deal."

The signing comes less than two weeks before the season opener against Jacksonville on Sept. 9 at MetLife Stadium.

While terms were not dis-

closed, the deal with the 25-year-old, 2014 first-rounder is worth about \$95 million with \$65 million guaranteed.

Beckham's \$19 million average salary would top the \$17 million earned by Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers. His \$95 million deal also tops the \$82.5 million deal receiver Mike Evans has with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Beckham, who missed most of last season with a broken left ankle, was scheduled to make \$8.4 million in the final year of his rookie contract.

Beckham had said early in training camp that he was taking a risk practicing without a new contract. It paid off.

"Honestly, I don't even know how to explain it," Beckham said in a statement. "I don't know if it's a relief, I don't know — it's a combination of everything. You've worked all your life

to get to this point and it's finally here."

Beckham felt getting a new deal would be just a matter of time.

"I knew that it would get done, it just was a matter of when and I'm just so happy that it is finally done now," he said.

In his first four seasons, Beckham has caught 313 passes for 4,424 yards and 38 touchdowns.

Beckham has not played in any of the Giants' three preseason games as new coach Pat Shurmur has taken a very cautious approach with the catalyst to his offense coming off his first major professional injury.

It is unlikely that he will play in the preseason finale on Thursday against the New England Patriots so his first game action since being hurt on Oct. 8 will be against the Jaguars at home on Sept. 9.

A lot has been written



In this Aug. 24, 2018, file photo, New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. (13) watches from the sidelines during the fourth quarter of a preseason NFL football game against the New York Jets, in East Rutherford, N.J.

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about Beckham's contract situation since the end of last season. There were reports the Giants were involved in trade talks with the Rams and many wondered whether co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch wanted to spend a lot of money on a player who

also created some disturbing news off the field.

Beckham annoyed many by going to Florida for a boat outing with teammates before a playoff game after the 2016 regular season. He then played poorly in a one-sided loss to the Packers. □

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# Halep 1st No. 1 seed to lose 1st U.S. Open match

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Some players, like top-ranked Simona Halep, freely acknowledge they don't deal well with the hustle-and-bustle of the U.S. Open and all it entails.

Others, like 44th-ranked Kaia Kanepi, take to the Big Apple and its Grand Slam tournament.

Put those two types at opposite ends of a court at Flushing Meadows and watch what can happen: Halep made a quick-as-can-be exit Monday, overwhelmed by the power-based game of Kanepi 6-2, 6-4 to become the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose her opening match at the U.S. Open in the half-century of the professional era.

Halep blamed opening-round jitters, and that has been a recurring theme throughout her career. The reigning French Open champion has now lost her first match at 12 of 34 career major appearances, a stunningly high rate for such an accomplished player. "It's always about the nerves," said Halep, who was beaten in the first round in New York by five-time major champion Maria Sharapova in 2017. "Even when you are there in the top, you feel the same nerves. You are human."

She also offered up an ex-



Simona Halep, of Romania, returns a shot to Kaia Kanepi, of Estonia, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in New York.

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planation tied to this site. "Maybe the noise in the crowd. The city is busy. So everything together," said Halep, who was coming off consecutive runs to the final at hard-court tuneup tournaments at Cincinnati and Montreal. "I'm a quiet person, so maybe I like the smaller places."

It was the first match at the rebuilt Louis Armstrong Stadium, which now has

about 14,000 seats and a retractable roof, and what a way to get things started. That cover was not needed to protect from rain on Day 1 at the year's last major tournament — although some protection from the bright sun and its 90-degree (33-degree Celsius) heat might have been in order.

"The courts suit my game, and I love being in New

York. I like the city," said Kanepi, who is from Estonia and is sharing a coach this week with another player, Andrea Petkovic. "I like the weather: humid and hot." Since professionals were admitted to Grand Slam tournaments in 1968, only five times before Monday did women seeded No. 1 lose their opening match at a major — and never at the U.S. Open. It happened twice to Martina Hingis and once to Steffi Graf at Wimbledon, once to Angelique Kerber at the French Open and once to Virginia Ruzici at the Australian Open.

Halep got off to a slow start at Roland Garros this year, too, dropping her opening set, also by a 6-2 score, but ended up pulling out the victory there and adding six more to lift the trophy. There would be no such turnaround for her against Kanepi, a big hitter who dictated the points to claim her second career win against a top-ranked player — but first top-20 victory since 2015. Kanepi has shown the occasional ability to grab significant results, including a run to the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows a year ago.

On this day, Kanepi took charge of baseline exchanges, compiling a 26-9 edge in winners, 14 on her favored forehand side alone. Wearing two strips of athletic tape on her left shoulder, the right-handed Kanepi also had far more unforced errors, 28-9, but that high-risk, high-reward style ultimately paid off.

"I thought, 'I just have to be aggressive and try to stay calm,'" Kanepi said.

Early in the second set, on the way to falling behind by two breaks at 3-0, Halep slammed her racket twice, drawing a warning for a code violation from the chair umpire.

Eventually, Halep got going a bit, taking advantage of Kanepi's mistakes to break back twice and get to 4-all in that set, getting a lot of support from fans who repeatedly chanted her first name.

"I was thinking about that: Why (did) they cheer so much for her? Because normally, they cheer for the underdog," Kanepi said with a smile. "It was a bit annoying for some time, but I got over it."

Sure did. She ended a 14-stroke exchange with a cross-court forehand volley winner to break right back for a 5-4 lead, then served out the victory.

In other early results, three men's seeds were bounced, too: No. 8 Grigor Dimitrov lost to three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka in the first round for a second consecutive major, No. 16 Kyle Edmund was beaten by Paolo Lorenzi, and No. 19 Roberto Bautista Agut of Spain was swept by Jason Kubler. Winners included a pair of Americans, No. 18 Jack Sock, who had lost eight consecutive matches including one in qualifying, and No. 11 John Isner.

Halep — who could have faced Serena or Venus Williams in the fourth round — was joined on the way out of the women's draw by No. 31 Magdalena Rybakikova, while No. 7 Elina Svitolina and two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza advanced. □

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# Nats end 32-inning scoring drought, then romp past Mets 15-0

**By The Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Trea Turner set off a lively dug-out celebration after scoring a run that ended Washington's 32-inning scoreless drought and then the Nationals really went wild at the plate, hammering New York.

The Nationals had been shut out in three straight games — for the first time since the team moved from Montreal to Washington in 2005 — before Juan Soto's RBI groundout in the sixth.

Ahead 1-0, the Nats erupted for eight more runs in the eighth. Their biggest inning of the season featured homers by Adam Eaton and Wilmer Difo, and a three-run double by pinch-hitter Bryce Harper.

Mark Reynolds launched his sixth career grand slam to highlight a six-run ninth. The lopsided win came with a cost, though, as reliever Kelvin Herrera was carted off the field with one out to go. He handled Jose Bautista's grounder, but hurt the top of his left foot running to first base and hopped to the bag. Herrera was on crutches and wearing a boot after the game. The Nationals said they didn't yet have an update on his injury.

Jeffrey Rodriguez (2-1) blanked the Mets on two singles for six innings. Steven Matz (5-11) gave up one run and five hits over seven innings in his fifth start of the year against Washington.

**CUBS 9, REDS 0**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Kyle Hendricks allowed two hits in seven innings, David Bote and Kyle Schwarber homered and Chicago beat Cincinnati to complete a four-game sweep.

Jason Heyward went 4 for 4 with a triple and drove in two runs for the NL Central-leading Cubs. Bote added two hits and three RBIs.

Hendricks (10-10) struck out five and walked one. He

has given up two runs in his last 14 innings.

Tucker Barnhart had two hits for the last-place Reds, who have dropped five straight and been shut out nine times.

The Cubs have homered in a season-high 11 straight games and won five straight.

Hendricks was lifted for a pinch-hitter after throwing 98 pitches. Randy Rosario worked the final two innings to complete the three-hitter.

Homer Bailey (1-12) allowed six runs — three earned — and eight hits in five innings to remain winless since May 12. The Reds have lost 17 of his 18 starts.

**CARDINALS 12, ROCKIES 3**  
**DENVER (AP)** — Matt Carpenter tied a St. Louis record with four doubles, pitcher Austin Gomber had a two-run infield single in a six-run first inning, and the Cardinals routed Colorado. Carpenter matched a franchise mark that Joe "Ducky" Medwick set on Aug. 4, 1937, against the Boston Bees (now Braves). Carpenter doubled twice in the first, had another in the third and lined his fourth in the seventh on a day when St. Louis pounded out 16 hits. The first baseman wound up 4 for 5 with two RBIs.

Gomber threw six efficient innings and the Cardinals took two of three from the Rockies in a series between NL playoff contenders.

Anderson (6-7) was booed as he walked off the mound after allowing six runs and getting just two outs. He was replaced by Chad Bettis.

Wearing "Big G" on the back of his uniform as part of Players' Weekend, Gomber (4-0) allowed two runs, one earned, and five hits to become the first left-handed Cardinals starter to win at Coors Field since Kent Mercker on July 24, 1999.

**BRAVES 4, MARLINS 0**



Washington Nationals' Trea Turner falls after swinging and missing a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — Kevin Gausman and four relievers combined on a two-hitter, and Atlanta beat Miami despite an ongoing offensive slump.

The Braves earned a split even though they scored just seven earned runs in the four-game series. The NL East leaders finished 14-5 against last-place Miami this year.

Gausman (4-1) pitched five innings before departing for a pinch hitter. The right-hander won his fourth start in a row and has an ERA of 1.69 in five outings since Braves acquired him from the Baltimore Orioles on July 31.

Braves starters compiled an ERA of 0.63 for the week.

The Marlins' first hit was a third-inning single by pitcher Pablo Lopez, and Derek Dietrich singled with two out in the ninth. Miami managed four runs and 16 hits in the series.

Atlanta wasn't much more productive, totaling one run in a 27-inning stretch before scoring in the sixth against Lopez (2-4).

**DIAMONDBACKS 5, MARINERS 2**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Paul Goldschmidt hit his 30th homer, Zack Greinke won for the first time in almost a month and Arizona avoided a three-game sweep at the hands of Seattle.

With the victory and Colorado's 12-3 loss to St. Louis, the Diamondbacks were back alone in first place in the NL West.

Goldschmidt's three-run shot off Mike Leake (8-8) punctuated a five-run third inning for the Diamondbacks, who bounced back from blowing a two-run lead in the ninth Saturday night and losing in 10 innings.

Brad Boxberger, who blew the save Saturday night, walked pinch-hitter Nelson

Cruz to load the bases in the ninth. But Mitch Haniger lined out sharply to third and Robinson Cano bounced into a double play to give Boxberger his 29th save in 35 tries.

Greinke (13-8) gave up an unearned run and five hits in 6 2/3 innings, striking out six and walking two.

**DODGERS 7, PADRES 3**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Justin Turner drove in five runs while Manny Machado put Los Angeles ahead with a two-run homer, and the Dodgers swept a three-game series against San Diego.

Hyun-Jin Ryu (4-1) gave up 11 hits in his 5 2/3 innings, but held the Padres to two runs.

The Padres gave left-hander Robbie Erlin (3-4) the early lead with a solo home run from Franmil Reyes in the second and Hunter Renfroe's RBI single in the third. □

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# Morales homers in 7th straight game as Jays fall to Phillies

**By The Associated Press**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — Kendrys Morales became the seventh player in major league history to homer in at least seven consecutive games, going deep in the third inning of the Toronto Blue Jays' 8-3 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday. Morales hit a two-run shot off Vince Velasquez, his 21st homer of the season. He has a chance to equal the major league record of homers in eight consecutive games, shared by Ken Griffey Jr., Dale Long and Don Mattingly. Rhys Hoskins and Carlos Santana hit back-to-back home runs for Philadelphia. Maikel Franco and Wilson Ramos each had two-run shots as the Phillies avoided a three-game sweep. Ramos had four hits. He singled in the first, doubled home a run in the second, singled in the sixth and homered off Tyler Clippard in the eighth, his 15th. Velasquez (9-9) allowed two runs and three hits in five innings for the victory as Philadelphia won for the second time in eight games. Marco Estrada (7-10) allowed five runs and seven hits in two-plus innings as Toronto's winning streak

ended at five.  
**RAYS 9, RED SOX 1**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Blake Snell pitched two-hit ball over six innings and Tampa Bay won its eighth straight game, handing the major league-leading Red Sox their first sweep of the season. Snell (16-5) allowed one run and struck out eight. He has given up no more than one earned run in 14 consecutive starts at home, and he has a 1.08 ERA in four outings against the Red Sox this year. Boston (90-42) has lost six of eight and was outscored 24-5 in the three-game set. Matt Duffy had three hits and drove in two runs for the Rays, who completed their first undefeated homestand of more than one series. They won all seven games against Kansas City and Boston. Red Sox starter Nathan Eovaldi (5-6), acquired from the Rays in a July 25 trade, dropped to 2-2 with Boston. He gave up six runs — five earned — and eight hits in four innings.  
**YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 3**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Luke Voit went 3 for 3 with a two-run homer to help Luis Severino earn his major league-leading 17th vic-

tory, and New York completed a four-game sweep. Rookie Miguel Andujar also had three hits and two RBIs for New York. The Yankees have won eight of nine to move within six games of first-place Boston in the AL East, the closest they've been since Aug. 1. Severino (17-6) allowed four hits and two earned runs in 5 2/3 innings, striking out eight. David Robertson worked the ninth for his fourth save. Dylan Bundy (7-13) pitched five innings, giving up four runs and six hits — including his major league-leading 34th home run.  
**INDIANS 12, ROYALS 5**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Jason Kipnis hit an inside-the-park homer and finished with four RBIs, Edwin Encarnacion added a two-run shot and Cleveland beat Kansas City to snap a four-game skid. Kipnis rounded the bases for his two-run homer in the ninth inning, when his high flyball to right field bounced off the top of the wall and into no-man's land. It was his second career inside-the-park job and the second for the Indians this year. Shane Bieber (8-2) allowed four runs for Cleveland on



Toronto Blue Jays Kendrys Morales (8) celebrates with teammate Kevin Pillar after hitting a two-run home run against the Philadelphia Phillies during the third inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018 in Toronto.

Associated Press

homers by Whit Merrifield, Salvador Perez and Lucas Duda. He departed after allowing six hits and striking out seven in 5 1/3 innings. The AL Central-leading Indians improved to 10-1 this season when facing a series sweep. Right-hander Jorge Lopez (0-4) allowed five runs, all in the fourth inning, on five hits

and three walks for Kansas City.  
**ATHLETICS 6, TWINS 2**  
**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Matt Chapman homered twice, Jed Lowrie drove in three runs with a homer and double, and Oakland's bullpen preserved an effective outing by call-up Chris Bassitt in a 6-2 victory over Minnesota. □

## Trammell has number retired, lobbies for Whitaker



Detroit Tigers Hall of Fame inductee Alan Trammell waves after addressing fans during a pre-game ceremony where his number was retired at Comerica Park before a baseball game between the Tigers and the Chicago White Sox, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, in Detroit.

Associated Press

**By NOAH TRISTER**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — On the day his No. 3 was retired by the Detroit Tigers, Hall of Famer Alan Trammell did some campaigning for his long-time keystone partner. Now that Trammell is in the Hall and has been honored by the Tigers, does Lou Whitaker have a chance for any of these accolades as well? "The love that Lou has not received, it bothers me," Trammell said after Sunday's pregame ceremony. "I'm shocked. Hopefully, maybe this will help get a little momentum. I meant what I said, that I hope that he's in the Hall of Fame

soon, and that he also has his number retired here at Comerica Park." Trammell was inducted into the Hall late last month, and now his name and number are on the brick wall beyond one of the bullpens at Comerica. Whitaker was on hand for the ceremony, which delayed the start of Detroit's 7-2 loss to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday by about a half-hour. Trammell was with the Tigers from 1977-96, establishing himself as one of the game's top shortstops. Whitaker was right alongside him at second base, playing for Detroit from

1977-95. "We just had fun," Whitaker said. "That would be the legacy there. Two young kids having fun, playing the game they love, for 19 years." Whitaker was a career .276 hitter with 244 home runs. Trammell hit .285 with 185 homers. According to Baseball-Reference.com, Whitaker had 75.1 wins above replacement for his career, more than Hall of Fame second basemen Ryne Sandberg (68) and Roberto Alomar (67.1). Trammell and Whitaker were both with the Tigers in 1984, when they won the franchise's most recent World Series title. Trammell

was inducted to the Hall of Fame this year along with another member of that team, pitcher Jack Morris — and Morris also has his number retired on the wall next to Trammell's. "I can go out there and paint my name out there. Maybe that's what I'll do tonight," Whitaker joked. "If you see paint on the wall tonight beside Trammell, then come look for Lou." There are also a handful of statues at the ballpark above the names and numbers beyond left-center field, and that topic came up when Trammell spoke after the ceremony. □



# Manu Ginobili, a 4-time champion with San Antonio Spurs, retires at 41

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

Manu Ginobili has played his final game, and with that a new era awaits the San Antonio Spurs. Ginobili announced his decision to retire Monday, the 41-year-old wrapping up what he called a "fabulous journey" in which he helped the Spurs win four NBA championships in 16 seasons with the club. The smooth left-handed guard from Argentina came to San Antonio in 2002, forming what quickly became a powerful "Big 3" alongside Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. Now, they've all moved on: Duncan retired two years ago, Parker left San Antonio earlier this summer as a free agent to sign with the Charlotte Hornets, and Ginobili has worn Spurs colors for the last time as well.

"Today, with a wide range of feelings, I'm announcing

my retirement from basketball," Ginobili wrote on Twitter in making the announcement. "IMMENSE GRATITUDE to everyone (family, friends, teammates, coaches, staff, fans) involved in my life in the last 23 years. It's been a fabulous journey. Way beyond my wildest dreams."

The image Ginobili chose to accompany that tweet: A photo of him walking off the floor, away from the camera, with four fingers aloft — signifying his four titles.

"An NBA champion and All-Star, Manu Ginobili is also a pioneer who helped globalize the NBA," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "He is one of basketball's greatest ambassadors who believes in the power of sports to change lives. And for 16 years, we were fortunate to watch a legend compete at the highest level. Thank you, Manu,

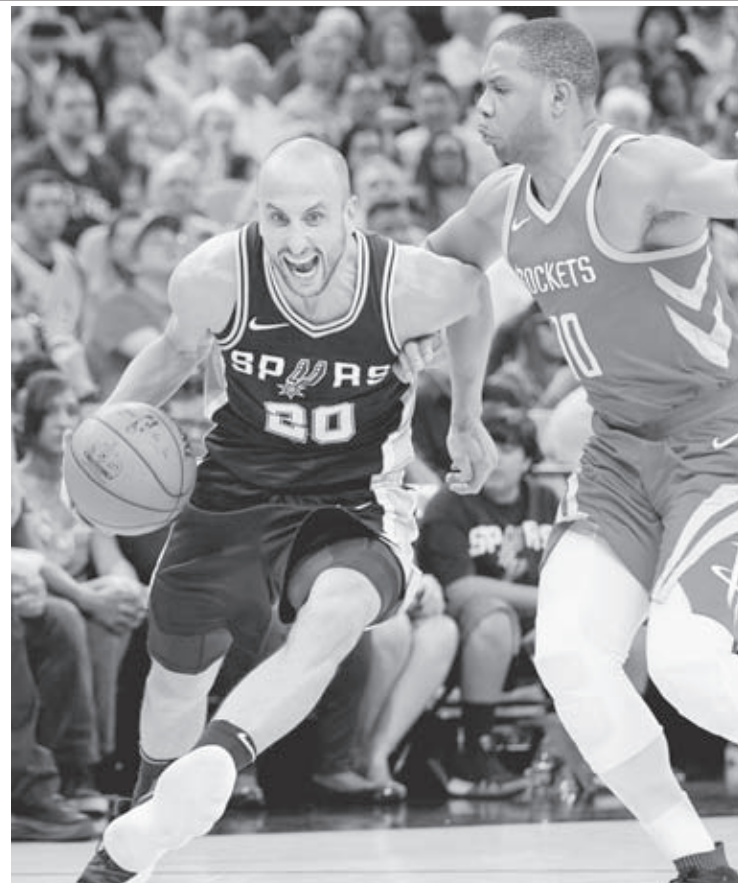
for a career that inspired millions of people around the world." Ginobili's pro career lasted 23 seasons in all, starting with stints in Italy and Argentina. His drawing power was massive even in his final season, and it was common for him to spend plenty of time before road games posing for photos and signing autographs — often international fans proudly displaying an Argentine flag.

"A role model for all of us that love this wonderful sport," Spurs forward Pau Gasol said.

Duncan, Parker, Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard were the backbone of San Antonio's drive to its most recent NBA championship in 2014, and this will be the first time that Gregg Popovich begins a season as the Spurs' head coach with none of those players on the roster. Leonard was traded to the Toronto Raptors for DeMar DeRozan earlier this summer, the end of a relationship in San Antonio that had apparently gone too sour to save.

Leonard's departure meant Ginobili would have been the last significant player tied to the Spurs' title years. But in the end, retirement was his call.

"Great player. Fierce competitor. Winner," Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki said on Twitter. "Next stop: HOF."



In this April 1, 2018, file photo, San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili (20) drives around Houston Rockets' Eric Gordon during the second half of an NBA basketball game, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

Indeed, getting enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame would seem like a certainty for Ginobili. The No. 57 pick in the 1999 draft, Ginobili averaged 13.3 points and 3.8 assists in 1,057 regular-season games. He was a two-time All-Star and was the league's Sixth Man of the Year for the 2007-08 season (getting 123 of 124 votes), plus he teamed with Popovich for 135 playoff wins — the third-highest total for any player-coach combo in NBA history. The only two with more? Popovich and Duncan won 157, and Popovich and Parker won 137.

"Thanks for all you did for the game gramps," Spurs forward Rudy Gay tweeted, poking fun at Ginobili's age. Gay's sentiment was shared by many in the NBA, and the Spurs quickly put up a page of on- and off-the-court highlights that bore the simplest of messages: "Gracias, Manu." Ginobili, even though he was often coming off the bench, has a resume of postseason production like almost no one else. Only two players have more than 800 rebounds, 800 assists and 300 3-pointers in their playoff careers — Ginobili and LeBron James. □

## Viviani wins Vuelta stage, Kwiatkowski keeps overall lead

**ALHAURIN DE LA TORRE, Spain (AP)** — Italian rider Elia Viviani won the third stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Monday, with Michal Kwiatkowski keeping the leader's red jersey ahead of Alejandro Valverde.

Viviani dominated the final sprint and beat countryman Giacomo Nizzolo and Peter Sagan of Slovakia to the line in a stage that produced no major changes in the overall standings.

Kwiatkowski remained 14 seconds in front of Valverde, the stage winner on Sunday. Wilco Kelderman stayed third overall, 25 seconds off the lead.

"I'm so happy to have the jersey for another day," said Kwiatkowski, who is leading Team Sky in the absence of 2017 Vuelta champion Chris Froome. "Tomorrow is going to be a hard one. We'll need to be very smart on the final climb."

Stage 4 on Tuesday is a 161.4-kilometer (100.3-mile) route with a difficult final climb into Alfacar.

Monday's stage took riders 178.2 kilometers through a mountainous ride from Mijas to Alhaurin de la Torre.

"It was beautiful," said Quick-Step Floors rider Viviani. "It's difficult to control stages like that, but we really wanted it. All day we went for one goal, to win a stage in La Vuelta. We didn't know if we could win or not, because there were 3,000 meters of ascent. It's not an easy sprint."

The Italian champion had never won a Vuelta stage, twice finishing second. □

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# Facebook pulls security app from Apple store over privacy

By **KELVIN CHAN** and **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
AP Business Writers

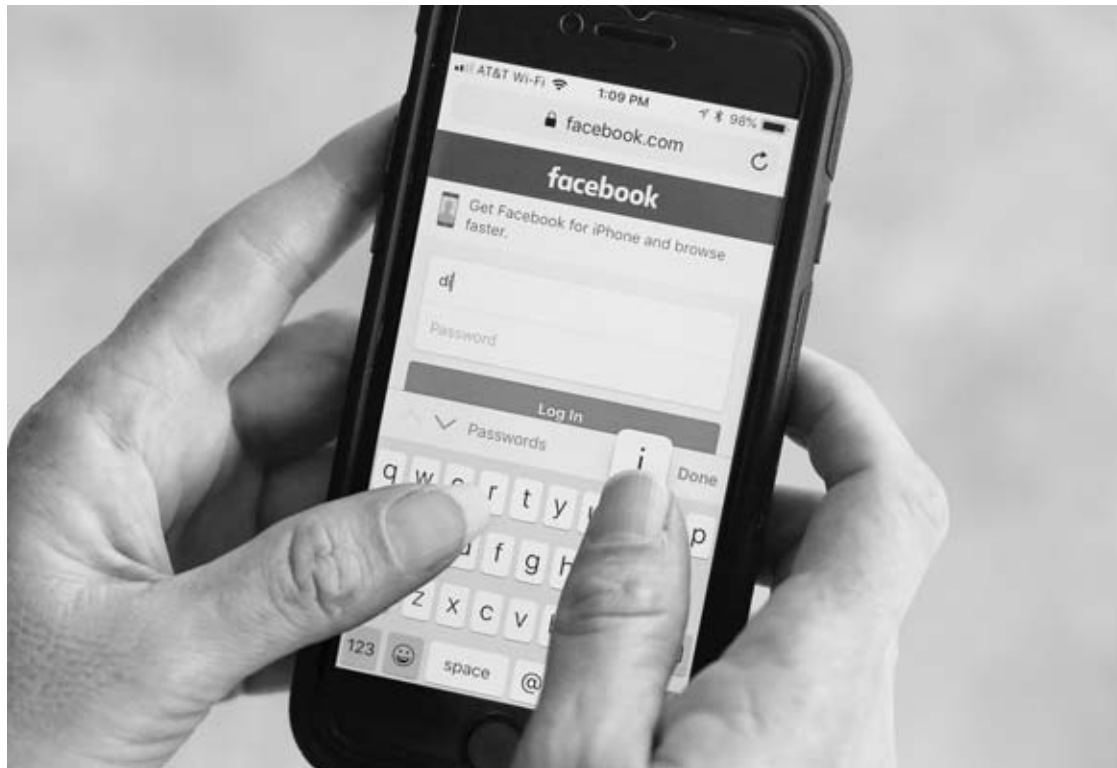
Facebook has pulled one of its own products from Apple's app store because it didn't want to stop tracking what people were doing on their iPhones. Facebook also banned a quiz app from its social network for possible privacy intrusions on about 4 million users.

The twin developments come as Facebook is under intense scrutiny over privacy following the Cambridge Analytica scandal earlier this year. Allegations that the political consultancy used personal information harvested from 87 million Facebook accounts have dented Facebook's reputation.

Since the scandal broke, Facebook has investigated thousands of apps and suspended more than 400 of them over data-sharing concerns.

The social media company said late Wednesday that it took action against the myPersonality quiz app, saying that its creators refused an inspection. But even as Facebook did that, it found its own Onavo Protect security app at odds with Apple's tighter rules for applications.

Onavo Protect is a virtual-



In this file photo dated Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, a Facebook start page is shown on a smartphone in Surfside, Fla.

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private network service aimed at helping users secure their personal information over public Wi-Fi networks. The app also alerts users when other apps use too much data.

Since acquiring Onavo in 2013, Facebook has used it to track what apps people were using on phones. This surveillance helped Facebook detect trendy services, tipping off the company to startups it might want to buy and areas it might want to work on for

upcoming features.

Facebook said in a statement that it has "always been clear when people download Onavo about the information that is collected and how it is used." But Onavo fell out of compliance with Apple's app-store guidelines after they were tightened two months ago to protect the reservoir of personal information that people keep on their iPhones and iPads.

Apple's revised guidelines require apps to get users'

express consent before recording and logging their activity on a device. According to Apple, the new rules also "made it explicitly clear that apps should not collect information about which other apps are installed on a user's device for the purposes of analytics or advertising/marketing."

Facebook will still be able to deploy Onavo on devices powered by Google's Android software.

Onavo's ouster from Ap-

ple's app store widens the rift between two of the world's most popular companies.

Apple CEO Tim Cook has been outspoken in his belief that Facebook does a shoddy job of protecting its 2.2 billion users' privacy — something that he has framed as "a fundamental human right."

Cook sharpened his criticism following the Cambridge Analytica scandal. He emphasized that Apple would never be caught in the same situation as Facebook because it doesn't collect information about its customers to sell advertising. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg fired back in a separate interview and called Cook's remarks "extremely glib." Zuckerberg implied that Apple caters primarily to rich people with a line of products that includes the \$1,000 iPhone X. Late Wednesday, Facebook said it moved to ban the myPersonality app after it found user information was shared with researchers and companies "with only limited protections in place." The company said it would notify the app's users that their data may have been misused.

It said myPersonality was "mainly active" prior to 2012. □



Peter Asaro, left, of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control, and Jody Williams of the Nobel Women's Initiative speak to reporters at a news conference in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

Associated Press

By **JAMEY KEATEN**  
Associated Press

**GENEVA (AP)** — Experts from scores of countries are meeting to discuss ways to define and deal with "killer robots" — futuristic weap-

ons systems that could conduct war without human intervention.

The weeklong gathering that opened Monday is the second at U.N. offices in Geneva this year to focus

## Experts assemble for UN-hosted meeting on 'killer robots'

on such lethal autonomous weapons systems and to explore possibilities for regulating them, among other issues.

In theory, fully autonomous, computer-controlled weapons don't exist yet, U.N. officials say. The debate is still in its infancy, and the experts have at times grappled with basic definitions. The United States has argued that it's premature to establish a definition of such systems, much less regulate them.

Some top advocacy groups say governments and militaries should be prevented from develop-

ing such systems, which have sparked fears and led some critics to envisage harrowing scenarios about their use.

As the meeting got underway, Amnesty International urged countries to work toward a ban.

Killer robots are "no longer the stuff of science fiction," Rasha Abdul Rahim, an artificial intelligence researcher for the human rights organization, said. Rahim warned that technological advances are outpacing international law.

Part of the trouble for activists, however, is that the U.N.-backed conference

that convened the meeting works by consensus. A single participating country — like a big military power — therefore could scuttle efforts to reach an international ban.

Amandeep Gill, who is chairing the meeting and a former Indian ambassador to the U.N.-backed Conference on Disarmament, said progress is being made. He summarized three general camps of countries: One seeks a formal, legal ban on such weapons; another wants a political, but non-binding agreement; and a third wants no changes at all. □



# Stocks rise as US, Mexico announce preliminary trade deal

By MARLEY JAY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks in the U.S. and overseas are higher Monday after the White House said it has reached a preliminary agreement with Mexico on replacing the NAFTA trade deal.

The deal is far from final and the U.S. still needs to reach an understanding with Canada, the third party in the accord and the second-largest trading partner of the U.S.

Automakers, which would stand to benefit from warmer trade relations between the U.S. and Mexico, rose sharply. Banks, technology and industrial companies also made big gains.

Stocks finished at record highs Friday. On Monday the Nasdaq composite traded above 8,000 for the first time.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index climbed 21 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,896 as of 1:47 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 259 points, or 1 percent, to 26,049. The Nasdaq composite gained 70 points, or



Trader Peter Tuchman wears a "Dow 26,000" hat as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

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0.9 percent, to 8,016. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 5 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,731.

The benchmark S&P 500 has risen for seven of the last eight weeks following strong corporate earnings and growing optimism the

U.S. would work out its differences with several major trading partners. The S&P 500 is up 6.5 percent since the end of June and closed at an all-time high Friday. The Nasdaq and Russell 2000 also set new highs.

**TRADE TALKS:** Automakers rose sharply as investors

hoped that the progress in trade talks between the U.S. and Mexico would alleviate the threat of tariffs on cars and car parts. GM gained 4.7 percent to \$37.62 and Ford rose 3.2 percent to \$9.99.

**LEADERS:** While few details of the tentative trade talks

## JetBlue is raising fees on baggage and ticket changes

By DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

**DALLAS (AP)** — JetBlue Airways is raising fees for checking a bag or changing a ticket, a move that could prompt other airlines to raise their fees.

New York-based JetBlue posted the increases online. They apply for all trips booked on or after Monday.

Passengers who buy the lowest of JetBlue's three fare classes for tickets will pay \$30 to check a bag and \$40 for a second bag, a \$5 increase for each bag. American, Delta and United still charge \$25 for the first bag and \$35 for the second, with exceptions for elite customers and those who use an airline-branded credit card. Southwest is the only large U.S. carrier that lets any passenger check up to two bags for free.

"Unfortunately, all it takes is one major airline to raise their prices or change their policies for the rest to follow," said John DiScala, who runs the travel site JohnnyJet.com.

George Hobica, founder of the travel site airfarewatchdog.com, also predicted that others will match JetBlue's increase and expressed surprise that airlines had not raised bag fees before now. He suggested that airlines might eventually base the fees on distance traveled, with higher charges for longer flights.

JetBlue will also increase its fee for overweight or large items from \$100 to \$150, and fees on some sporting equipment like surfboards and bikes will rise, too. For all but the highest fare class, JetBlue's fee for changing or canceling a ticket worth more than \$200 will rise from \$150 to

\$200, which matches fees that American, Delta and United levy for changing a nonrefundable ticket for domestic travel. Southwest does not charge change fees.

JetBlue spokesman Doug McGraw said the airline regularly reviews and adjusts fees to make sure the business is healthy and supports good customer experience.

Airline fees have taken off since 2008, when American

Airlines introduced a \$15 checked-bag fee to help offset high fuel prices. Most carriers now charge extra for better seats with more legroom, early boarding, taking a pet and other amenities. Money from fees helped airlines earn record profits in recent years. Last year, U.S. carriers raised \$7.4 billion from checked bags and ticket changes or cancellations — the government doesn't track other fees.

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have been disclosed, investors were encouraged that the countries are working toward a resolution and avoiding big disruptions in global trade, as that could have impaired their economic growth.

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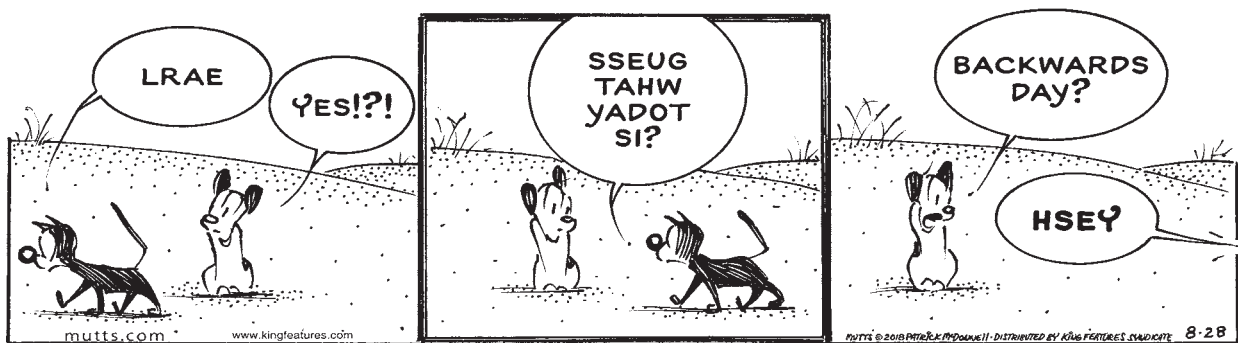
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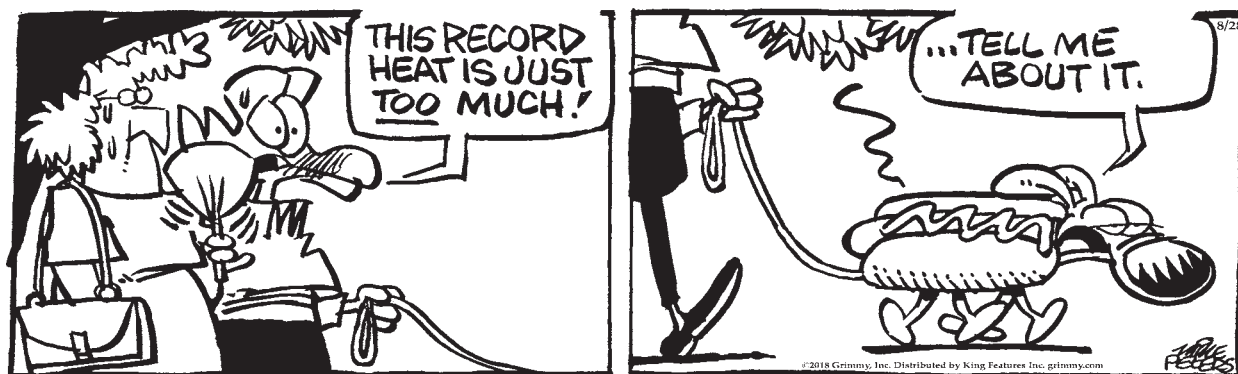
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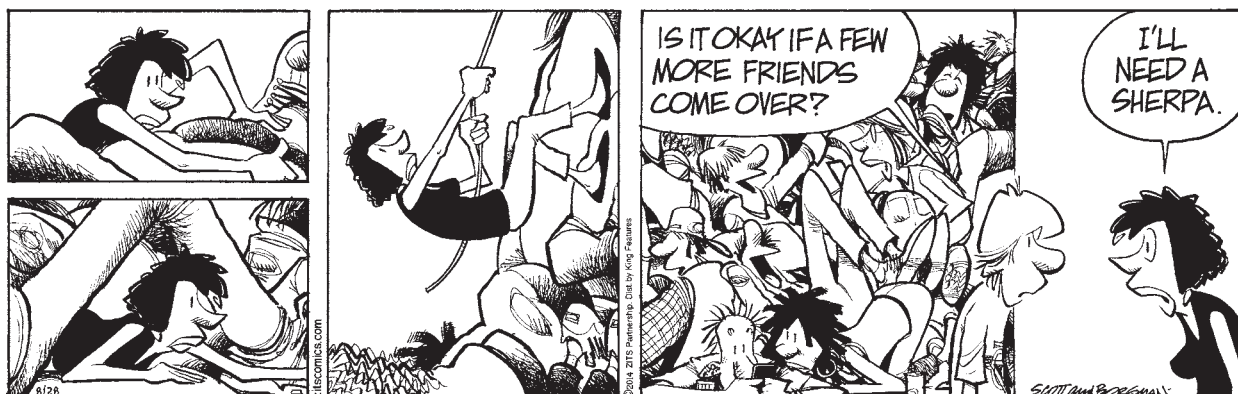
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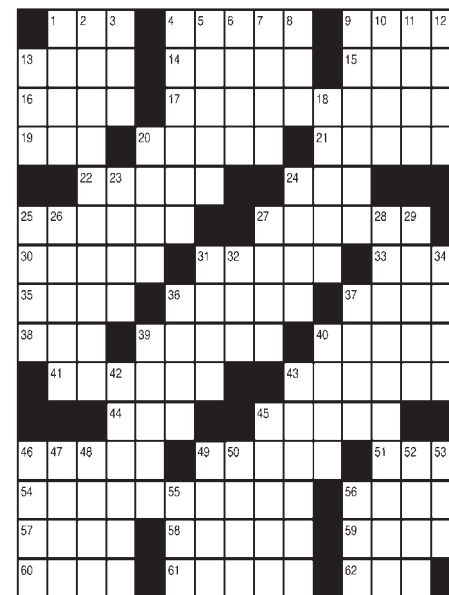
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Father of Jacob & Esau
- "Beat it!"
- Ricky Ricardo's portrayer
- Gallant; virtuous
- Suffer defeat
- Dines
- Tutu wearers
- To and
- One of the Seven Dwarfs
- Some golf tournaments
- Loan shark's crime
- Plato's "I"
- Swiss territorial division
- Christi, TX
- Mt. Aconcagua's range
- Tearful appeals
- Capture
- Make a tiny cut
- Mark one's cattle
- Molten rock
- Moral transgression
- Midriff
- Not smashed
- Self-centeredness
- Few and far between
- Ike's monogram
- Film genre
- Window covering
- Hired car parker
- Brylcreem amount
- Scandinavian capital
- Bogeyman
- Imitates
- Bumbling
- Crumbly cheese
- Bank teller's cry
- Nuisances
- Commercials



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- Present from birth
- Covered with lather
- Up to the task
- Friendly nation
- Average grade
- Make a mistake
- Scoop holder
- Strong ox
- Actress Harper
- ABC followers
- Lion cries
- Singing couples
- Word attached to ladder or father
- Frog's cousin
- Late singer
- Mama
- Popular Broadway musical
- Penny
- Full-length
- Rescues
- and proper; persnickety
- Spanish article
- Unclothed
- Military installation

### DOWN

- Calendar period
- Jaw-dropping
- Prefix for leading or matched

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- Be a couch potato
- Expand
- BBQ attachment
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# Mind-altering breast milk? New pot study poses that question

By LINDSEY TANNER

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Marijuana's main mind-altering ingredient was detected in nursing mothers' breast milk in a small study that comes amid evidence that more U.S. women are using pot during pregnancy and afterward.

Experts say the ingredient, THC, has chemical properties that could allow it to disrupt brain development and potentially cause harm, although solid evidence of that is lacking.

The new study involved 50 nursing mothers who were using pot and provided breast milk samples to researchers at the University of California, San Diego. Lab testing found small amounts of THC, the psychoactive chemical that causes marijuana's "high," in 34 of 54 samples up to six days after they were provided. Another form of THC and cannabidiol, a pot chemical touted by some as a health aid, were detected in five samples.

The study authors said "it is reasonable to speculate" that exposing infants to THC or cannabidiol "could influence normal brain development," depending on dose and timing.

The results echo findings in case reports from years ago, when pot was less potent than what's available today, said study co-author Christina Chambers, a pediatrics professor. It's not known if the amounts detected pose any risk, but she said her research team is studying children whose moms' were involved to try to answer that question.

Two small studies from the 1980s had conflicting results on whether pot use affects breastfed infants. One found no evidence of growth delays; the other



In this Thursday, July 12, 2018 file photo, a newly-transplanted cannabis cuttings grow in pots at a medical marijuana cultivation facility in Massachusetts.

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found slight developmental delays in breastfed infants, but their mothers had used pot during pregnancy too. Most pediatricians encourage breastfeeding and its health benefits for infants, but "they're stuck with a dilemma" with infants whose mothers use pot, Chambers said.

A new American Academy of Pediatrics report recommending against pot use while pregnant or nursing acknowledges that challenge.

"We still support women breastfeeding even if using marijuana but would en-

courage them to cut down and quit," said Dr. Seth Ammerman, a report co-author and Stanford University pediatrics professor.

"In counseling patients about this, it's important to be nonjudgmental but to educate patients about the potential risks and benefits," Ammerman said, to ensure "a healthy outcome for themselves and their baby."

The study and report were published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has similar advice.

The academy report says its advice is based on theoretical risks to developing brains, but it acknowledges conflicting evidence and a dearth of research. Some studies have linked pot use during pregnancy with lower birth weights or preterm birth, along with developmental delays and learning difficulties in older children. But additional factors including women's use of other drugs during pregnancy complicated the results, the report says.

Marijuana is legal for recreational use in nine states and Washington, D.C., and

for medical use in 31 states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. As more states legalize marijuana, its use is increasing along with the "false impression" that it is safe, the academy's report says. Ammerman said caution makes sense, given the uncertainties.

According to U.S. government data, about 1 in 20 women report using marijuana during pregnancy. Estimates for use among breastfeeding mothers vary, but a study in Colorado, where recreational marijuana is legal, put the number at almost 20 percent among women in a government supplemental food program.

The report, study and a journal editorial all said more research is needed.

Last year, a federal advisory panel said lack of scientific information about marijuana poses a public health risk.

Research has been hampered by federal government restrictions based on its view that marijuana is an illegal drug.

That has contributed to a stigma and shaded doctors' views, said Keira Sumimoto, an Irvine, California, mother who used marijuana briefly for medical reasons while pregnant and breastfeeding. She said smoking a joint daily helped her gain weight when she was sick before learning she was pregnant, and eased childbirth-related pain, but that she quit because of backlash from marijuana opponents. She said her daughter, now 8 months old, is healthy and advanced for her age. Sumimoto runs @cannabisandmotherhood, an Instagram account that she says aims to present truthful information about marijuana so women can make their own choices.

She said she agrees with advice to be cautious, but that the academy's stance is "is just a little too much."

"The fear is taking over and the need and want to understand this plant is being ignored by the stigma," Sumimoto said. □

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# Fall book releases include topical works for all ages

By HILLEL ITALIE

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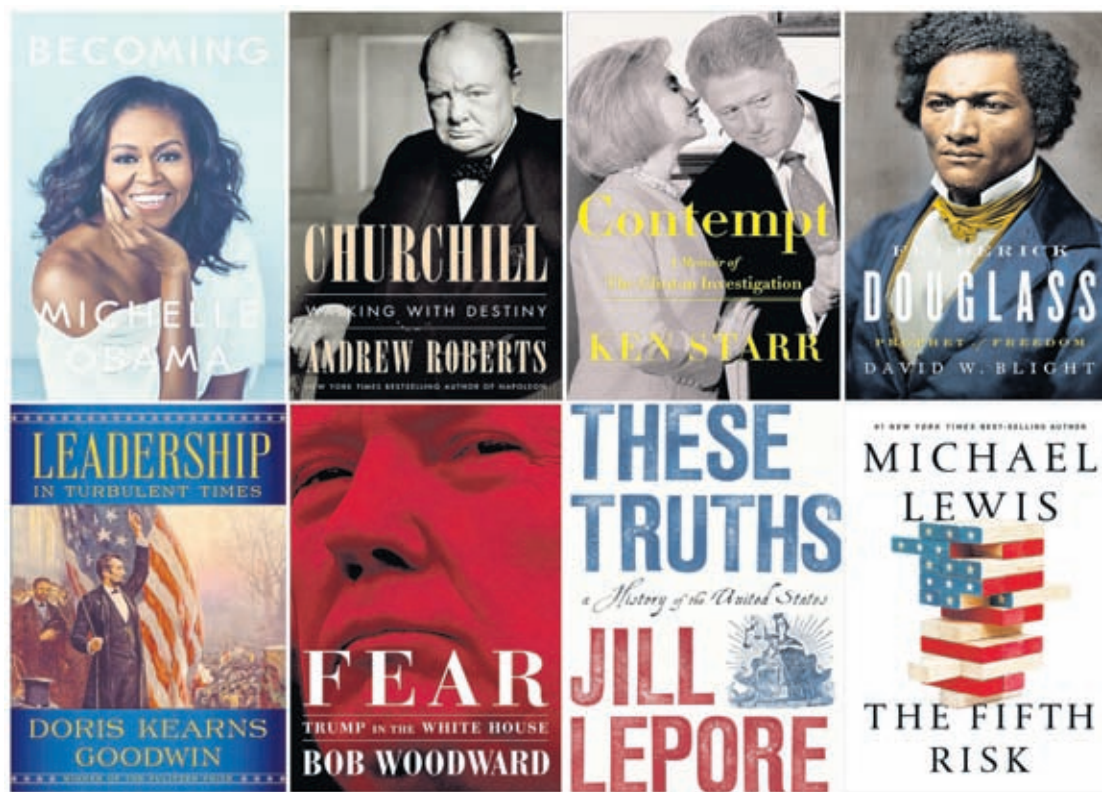
**NEW YORK (AP)** — At a time when millions can hardly turn away from the news, fiction and nonfiction authors have similar reasons for why books matter more than ever.

It's about perspective.

"I think that people need stories to help us understand our place in the world and remember that we're part of something bigger," says Barbara Kingsolver, whose novel "Unsheltered" is one of the leading literary releases this fall.

"Stories from the past, history, give you a sense of empowerment and make you feel like you can make a difference," says Doris K. Goodwin, the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian whose "Leadership: In Turbulent Times" reflects on Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon B. Johnson and other presidents. "History isn't just about what people did before, but what we can take from that and use today."

Many fall releases will come within weeks, even days, of the most suspenseful midterm elections in memory. They will compete for attention not just with campaign news, but with non-fiction releases that may affect the results, such as Bob Woodward's "Fear: Trump in the White House" and Michael Lewis' investigation of the Commerce Department under Trump, "The Fifth Risk." Other timely works include "Contempt," a memoir by former special prosecutor Kenneth Starr expected to come out during scheduled hearings for one of his former underlings, Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's nominee to replace Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court. Memoirs also are coming from former first lady Michelle Obama, whose "Becoming" is one of the year's most anticipated nonfiction books, and former Secretary of State John Kerry. Goodwin's book won't be the only work of history likely to inspire discussions about the present. Andrew Roberts' "Churchill: Walking With Destiny" and David W.



This combination photo of books covers shows, fall book releases including topical works for all ages.

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Blight's "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" tell of historical figures who remain influential. Jill Lepore's 900-page U.S. history "These Truths" has a running theme of the role of facts and reason in a democracy. Lepore began writing her book years ago, well before terms such as "alternative facts" and "fake news," which dates back to the 1930s, became part of contemporary political debate.

"That's what the study of history remedies: The past remains," Lepore wrote in a recent email to The Associated Press. "What's a book that chronicles the past good for?"

It requires stopping, squinting, casting your mind back — thinking, and wondering. History teaches, it comforts, it stirs."

Besides "Unsheltered," literary fiction includes Haruki Murakami's "Killing Commendatore," Eugenia Kim's "The Kinship of Secrets," Gary Shteyngart's "Lake Success" and, for those who really want to get away from the headlines, the 2,000-page "Anniversaries: From a Year in the Life of Gesine Cresspahl," a novel by the late German author Uwe Johnson.

New releases also are coming from John Grisham,

Mitch Albom, Sara Paretsky and Michael Connelly. James Bond lives on in Anthony Horowitz's "Forever and a Day," while Prince Lestat returns in Anne Rice's "Blood Communion." J.K. Rowling continues her detective writing with the Robert Galbraith novel "Lethal White." Alice Walker, Natasha Trethewey and Marilyn Chin have poetry books out this fall, and a posthumous collection is expected from Ursula K. Le Guin. Essay collections are coming from a handful of writers better known for fiction — Jonathan Franzen, Colm Toibin and Ben Fountain — and from a nonfiction master, John McPhee, whose "The Patch" is scheduled for November.

"I find that some of the same principles apply to fiction and nonfiction," says McPhee, a longtime New Yorker correspondent and Princeton University professor. "The basic stuff about structure and all the rest of it is common to all writing: You better have some plan."

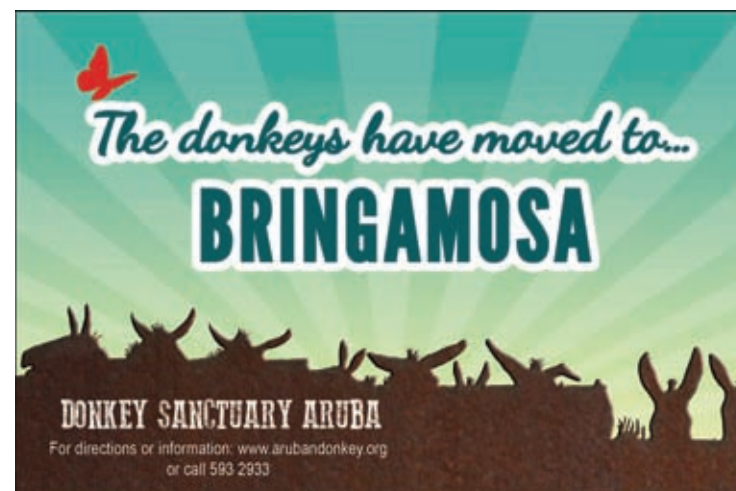
Athletes and celebrities have their own stories to share. Joe Namath looks back in "All the Way: Football, Fame, and Redemption," while "Pitino: My Story" is a memoir by basketball coach Rick Pitino. Tina Turn-

er, whose best-selling memoir "I, Tina," came out in the 1980s, follows with "My Life Story." The Who's Roger Daltrey has written "Thanks a Lot Mr. Kibblewhite: My Story," while the man who replaced Keith Moon on drums, Kenney Jones, will publish "Let the Good Times Roll: My Life in Small Faces, Faces, and The Who." Oscar winner Sally Field has written "In Pieces" and Eric Idle's memoir urges Monty Python fans, once again, to "Always Look at the Bright Side of Life."

"I'm an optimist, a fearful optimist. We have everything to worry about," Idle said during a recent telephone interview. "We must always look at the bright side, right? Even though we have no chance." Books for young people will include Kate DiCamillo's "Louisiana's Way Home"

and Ransom Riggs' "A Map of Days," her fourth Miss Peregrine novel. Other new releases are tied to current events. "A Map of Days" is a picture book by Susan Wood and Sarah Green. The anthology "We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices" includes contributions from Jason Reynolds and Kwame Alexander among others. Carol Anderson and Tonya Bolden have collaborated on "We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide," and Dave Eggers has teamed with illustrator Shawn Harris on "What Can a Citizen Do?" Jacqueline Woodson, a National Book Award winner and currently the U.S. young literature ambassador, wrote an open letter to her children for "We Rise, We Resist" and has two of her own books due. Her picture story "The Day You Begin" offers encouragement to young people starting out at a new school, including "When you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you." In "Harbor Me," a middle grade book, six kids find strength in telling each other about deportation, racial profiling and other concerns in their lives.

"I think part of the storyteller's job has always been to take in the narrative of the moment and time, and add some elements of hope to it," Woodson says. "Because if we straight up read the news, we can be some really sad people. It's about finding the light in whatever moment that feels kind of shadowed and finding a historical context. People have always survived, and our ancestors have survived worse than this moment." □





# Robert Redford rides into the sunset

By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — In "The Old Man and the Gun," the elderly bank robber Forrest Tucker, played by Robert Redford, walks up to a bank teller, smiles, says a few words in a kindly manner, and collects a heap of money. Later when the teller is interviewed by the police, she'll sound a little bewildered describing the encounter. "He was a gentleman."

Redford, now 82, has for six decades been leaving us similarly charmed. Who wouldn't hand over whatever Robert Redford asked for? But David Lowery's "The Old Man and the Gun" may be his last heist. Redford has said the movie, which Fox Searchlight will release Sept. 28, will be his final one as an actor. The news, with palpable affection, ricocheted around the world. "I didn't expect that kind of response," Redford chuckles, speaking by phone from his house in Santa Fe. "Now I can't say I was just kidding!"

"But I did say 'Never say nev-



This image released by Fox Searchlight shows Robert Redford in a scene from the film, "The Old Man & The Gun."

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er," he adds, giving himself an out. "I just figure that I've had a long career that I'm very pleased with. It's been so long, ever since I was 21. I figure now as I'm getting into my 80s, it's maybe time to move toward retirement and spend more time with my wife and family."

That Redford might be hanging it up has the unmistakable feel of an era passing. For many, his face — from sandy-haired California boy to weathered mountain man — has charted half a century of something intrinsically American. His Sundance Kid, his Jeremiah Johnson, his Bob Woodward are fig-

ures of rigorous self-determination. From the young C.I.A. agent in "Three Days of the Condor" to the aged sailor in "All Is Lost," they are smooth-sailing romantics whose quiet ways are violently capsized. "For me, the word to be underscored is 'independence,'" says Redford. "I've always believed in

that word. That's what led to me eventually wanting to create a category that supported independent artists who weren't given a chance to be heard. The industry was pretty well controlled by the mainstream, which I was a part of. But I saw other stories out there that weren't having a chance to be told and I thought, 'Well, maybe I can commit my energies to giving those people a chance.' As I look back on it, I feel very good about that."

It was through the Sundance Institute, the non-profit he founded in 1981 for independent filmmaking that puts on the Sundance Film Festival, that Redford met Lowery, the 37-year-old director. Shortly after Lowery's "Ain't Them Bodies Saints" premiered at Sundance, he met with Redford, who expressed his interest in making a movie based on Tucker, a lifelong stickup man and prison escapee whom David Grann profiled in the New Yorker. Lowery then wrote a script that became "The Old Man and the Gun." □

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**SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP)** — Former President Jimmy Carter and comedian Da-

vid Letterman have helped launch a Habitat for Humanity building blitz in northern Indiana.

The retired late-night TV host praised Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, for their dedication to the nonprofit during a Sunday event at the University of Notre Dame that kicked off a five-day Habitat for Humanity effort to build 23 homes in adjacent Mishawaka. Letterman noted the Carters' long involvement with the group, telling the roughly 4,000 attendees that if it weren't for the Democratic former president and his wife, he wouldn't have become a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. The South Bend Tribune reports that the 93-year-old former president said he and his wife get "more out of it than we put into it" when they build Habitat homes. □



# Detroit saying farewell in royal fashion to Queen of Soul

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Aretha Franklin had admirers the world over, but there's no doubt the flame burned brightest in Detroit — the place she was raised and remained for most of her life.

It's difficult to separate the singer from the city, so you better think that her town is saying farewell in royal fashion to its Queen of Soul, with a concert, public viewings and a funeral that's expected to be attended by at least one former president, civil rights leaders and many other musical luminaries.

Here are some of the events and ways in which Detroit is paying respect to Franklin, who died Aug. 16 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76:

## RESPECT

Public viewings are planned Tuesday and Wednesday at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, which is also where civil rights icon Rosa Parks lay in repose after her 2005 death.

Thousands of mourners are



Memorial items hang on New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

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expected to come to the museum, which had been the largest black museum in the United States until the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened in Washington, D.C., in 2016.

## AMAZING GRACE

The Friday funeral at Detroit's Greater Grace Temple is billed as an event for

friends and family only.

The all-star lineup of performers includes Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia and Shirley Caesar. Also slated to perform are Ron Isley, Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams, Jennifer Holliday and Franklin's son, Edward Franklin.

The service will reflect Franklin's strong gospel roots. Among the gospel voices

expected to fill Greater Grace include Marvin Sapp, the Clark Sisters and Vanessa Bell Armstrong. VIPs aren't expected to be limited to the musical kind: Scheduled to speak at the service is former President Bill Clinton, whose inaugurations featured performances by Franklin. Others include the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton,

Bishop T. D. Jakes, Cicely Tyson, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Clive Davis and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Smokey Robinson also plans to pay tribute with words, not music. The Motown "Miracle" and Franklin grew up together and delivered a spine-tingling duet on Soul Train in 1979.

The Rev. Jasper Williams Jr., pastor of Atlanta's Salem Baptist Church, will deliver the eulogy.

It's expected to be a marathon service, perhaps lasting five hours or more.

The church also hosted Parks' funeral, at which Franklin sang.

## FREEWAY OF LOVE

Greater Grace Temple is calling on people with pink Cadillacs to line up before the funeral in an effort to create a "Freeway of Love" in tribute to Franklin. That's a nod to her funky '80s tune of the same name that prominently featured the car in the lyrics and video. Those who line the route get a special perk: The driver of the Caddy and one extra person will be admitted to the funeral. □

# Burning Man organizers stress the importance of consent

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**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — The #MeToo movement is making its way to Burning Man. Organizers are reminding attendees that just because the counter-culture festival in the Nevada desert is known for occasional nudity and kinky landmarks like the "Orgy Dome," it doesn't mean it's a free-for-all when it comes to touching or nonconsensual sex, the Reno Gazette Journal reported. This year's event started this weekend.

While the festival doesn't have official guidelines, it does have a set of informal rules.

Tex Allen, a 13-year Burner, doubts many newcomers to the playa are reading those.

The festival's on-site Sexual Assault Services department receives five and 20



In this Aug. 30, 2014 photo, a couple stands inside a love sculpture at Burning Man on the Black Rock Desert of Gerlach, Nev.

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reports of alleged sexual assault each year, said Burning Man spokesman Jim Graham.

Many of those reports involve leering or grabbing, which aren't considered sexual assault under Nevada law. A few reports each year require involvement from law enforcement.

Last year, two people were arrested on suspicion of sexual assault without substantial bodily harm.

No arrests related to sexual assault or rape were made the year before.

Despite the low arrests, Donna Rae Watson, director of the Bureau of Erotic Discourse, a large camp at Burning Man that teaches

people about sex, still hears stories of harassment at the festival from dozens of people each year.

"Scandalous costumes and nudity might be considered inviting. (Others) automatically think consent is implied, but implied consent doesn't exist," she said.

The organization is doing more to educate participants about consent, what it means and what it applies to.

Watson said her group was founded in 2005 after a woman was sexually assaulted at the festival the previous year.

The camp, which is not a part of the Burning Man organization, tapes posters inside port-a-potties that define consent.

The group also passes out buttons with slogans such as "Consent is sexy" and

"However you dress, wherever you go, yes means yes and no means no."

The camp has begun to visit other camps, especially those that host large dance parties, and teach them about consent.

This year, ticketholders received an email reminding them that consent is needed not just for sex but for any kind of touching, gifting (including food and drink) and photography.

In recent years, many Burners have adopted consent as the 11th principle along with their other 10 principles that include self-expression and immediacy.

"Our purpose is to bring consent front and center and incorporate it into the ethos of the culture, where boundaries are respected and our bodies are respected," Watson said. □



# Ostrich skin and Neo-Viagra? A shopping guide to North Korea

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PYONGYANG, North Korea

(AP) — Ostrich skin ready for tailoring, huge flat-screen TVs, "Neo-Viagra" and a cure for cancer?

North Korea's official shopper's guide is glossy and full of testimonials from satisfied customers and phone and email contact information for the dozens of companies pitching their latest products — though good luck reaching any of them.

The "2018 Korea Commodities" catalog, produced by the North's Committee for the Promotion of International Trade, reflects a side of North Korea often lost in the shadow of its nuclear weapons. Leader Kim Jong Un and many other North Koreans firmly believe their country needs to make more and better consumer goods and sell them to the outside world if it is ever going to have a strong — or even sustainable — economy.

More goods with the "made in North Korea" label are available than ever before, though international sanctions mean most can't be sold abroad.

A look at what North Korea sees as some of its most promising products:

## ENERGY DRINKS AND CHEESE-FLAVORED ESKIMO PIES

Coke and other foreign brands are relatively rare and expensive in North Korea.

But the O-Il General Pro-



This Aug. 15, 2018, photo shows the "2018 Korea Commodities" catalog, produced by North's Committee for Promotion of International Trade, at bookstore in hotel in Pyongyang, North Korea. Associated Press

cessing Factory has tried to fill the gap.

A surprising amount of shelf space in Pyongyang grocery stores, and increasingly stores elsewhere, has been taken over by sugary soft drinks, much of which is produced by O-Il and other well-known brands. Air Koryo, the country's flagship airline, also has its own line of drinks.

O-Il, which means May Day, has 12 pages in the 207-page 2018 commodity catalog introducing its line of nine energy drinks. Two are sold in plastic bottles shaped like barbells. A happy boy is shown lifting them over his head, while

a rainbow-colored list of the drinks' benefits includes the "stimulation of growth in height" and "greater spiritual exertion."

O-Il also produces dozens of yogurt and milk-flavored drinks, fruit juices, tea, jellies and dozens of flavors of ice cream cones, popsicles and ice cream sandwiches, collectively known here as "Eskimo." There's chocolate and strawberry, of course, but also cheese, fermented bean and lactobacilli. One of O-Il's latest offerings is "Hydrogen Water," which it calls the "wonder health water of the 21st century."

"With an antioxidant power 176 times that of vitamin C, 431 times vitamin E and 863 times more than coenzyme Q10," its ad claims, "the hydrogen water is effective in avoiding mental and physical fatigues, retarding the aging process, neutralizing all kinds of poisons, preventing radioactive and oxidant damages, improving immunity, fighting cancer and treating arteriosclerosis through purification of blood."

## MIRACLE CURES FOR CANCER?

Traditional "Koryo" medicines dating to ancient times are widely used in

North Korea, in part because of the scarcity of modern Western medicines, and have long been popular with Chinese tourists.

North Korea sees big potential for exports.

Leading the charge is the Pugang Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd, a pioneer both in making health supplements and in using advertising to sell them, a tricky undertaking given that such capitalist practices are still officially frowned upon. Posters for its best-known product — Royal Blood-Fresh — can be seen in department stores in Pyongyang and at souvenir shops catering to

foreigners. It's also featured in infomercials on Air Koryo flights from Beijing.

So what is it?

According to the catalog, Royal Blood-Fresh is a supplement made primarily from beans that's recommended for long flights to help prevent or cure deep vein thrombosis. Posters targeting foreign tourists say, "Fly safe with Royal Blood-Fresh" and "Who says you can't grow younger and cleverer?"

Another heavily hyped supplement is Pugang's "Kumdang-2 Injection," a vegetable-based medication its producer says is exported to a dozen countries. It caused a buzz in the Western media a few years ago when it was advertised as an effective treatment for both cancer and tuberculosis, with no side effects, no less. Some of the best testimonials in the catalog come from the medicines section. "When I was diagnosed at the hospital, I knew I had a tumor of 3x4 centimeters in size in the left lung," reads a testimonial for the Tongbong Anticancer Drug by satisfied customer Ri Kum Jon, identified as a Pyongyang resident. "After I took three cartons for three months my appetite returned to normal — and more — I got weight by 3 kilograms (5 pounds). The tumor was killed ... I had cured cancer using the single remedy of Tongbong Anticancer Drug. It is the greatest of the elixirs that brings life back to people." □



In this Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, photo, a page of the "2018 Korea Commodities" catalog, produced by the North's Committee for the Promotion of International Trade, is seen at a hotel in Pyongyang, North Korea.

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